

Presbyterians at the Crossroads

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Providence Presbyterian Church

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Pastor's Paragraph

In a sermon by Erwin McManus I read this story:
I have a friend who owned an accounting company. He said, "Erwin, I think I need to go to seminary." I was kind of surprised because he didn't really like people. And I said, "What?" He said, "I think I need to go into ministry." I said, "I don't think you should do that to people." He said, "No, I feel God calling me. I'm going to give up my business. I'm going to go to seminary and go into ministry." Then I had an idea. "How many clients do you have?" He said, "About 300." "Out of those 300 clients, how many of them have you ever told about Jesus Christ?" He said, "None of them. Frankly, I would lose my business." I said, "You're ready to lose your business anyway, so just lose it one person at a time." You know what I found fascinating? He was willing to give up his entire business and "go to seminary", but he was absolutely unwilling to take the gospel one by one to those people whom he had known for years."

...Now it seems to me that we all need to grow our faith by taking a few risky steps if we wish our congregation to grow in faith and in numbers. It may be in your prayer life, your family relationships, your church participation, your giving in faith of material wealth, in your knowledge of Scripture, or in simply claiming that you are a disciple of Jesus Christ, and speaking a simple good word for Him to someone....anyone.

Do you remember how the church started in the first place? There was an invitation and there were those willing to take that first risky step.

"As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him." (Mark 1:16-18). Now it's our turn!

Yours in Christ,

Christian Sympathy

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the family of Mr. Percy B. Tart, father to Joe Tart, who passed away on July 24.

Sunday School Elective Offered

Beginning the first Sunday in September, Clyde and Suzanne Wiley will be leading a 13 week study on the book of Romans. This adult Sunday School "elective" will be hosted by the Seekers Sunday School class, and will meet in their classroom every Sunday morning during the months of September, October, and November at 10:00 a.m. The study will be open to the entire congregation: meaning individuals from other classes and individuals who do not currently attend Sunday School are invited. If you are planning to attend, it would be helpful to bring your Bible; however, Bibles will be provided if needed. If you have questions, please contact Jeffrey Wood at 331.9046. For anyone of any age interested in becoming involved in the Sunday School program at Providence, this class would be a good starting point. Please plan to attend.

New Sunday School Class

A new Sunday School class for young adult couples and singles will begin this year! The class will meet in the library at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings, and will begin meeting on the first Sunday of the new Sunday School year, September 5th. The class is designed to attract the many young adults who are now regularly attending Worship Services and have expressed an interest in Sunday School participation. This class will allow young adults, who are new to the congregation and those that have been around for a while, an opportunity to deepen friendships within their own peer group through the Biblical study of issues facing young Christians. Will Walls will be leading this class. If you have interest in attending and would like to ask questions, please contact Will at 639.9812

Let's end Summer with a Party!

On Saturday, August 14, the congregation is invited to a Summer Celebration at McGee's Crossroads Pool from 8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. The Fellowship Committee will provide hot dogs,

hamburgers, and drinks, and the congregation is asked to bring chili, slaw, side dishes or dessert! We look forward to a fun time together, and hope that everyone will be able to attend!

Attendance and Participation Recognition

On Sunday, August 1, Darren Stuart, on behalf of the Christian Education Committee, recognized the Youth within the church who had 75% (or greater) participation in Youth Activities, including Pioneer Clubs, Easter Celebrations, Pancake Supper, Car Wash, and Bible School, and those who had attended Sunday School during the 9 Sundays in May and June.

75% or Greater Youth Activity Participation

Ryne Jones, Heather Langdon, Lauren Langdon, Amanda McLamb, Christina Nelms, Kendall Nelms, Ryan Nelms, Daniel Stephenson, Hannah Stephenson, Samuel Stephenson, Meredith Tart, Abigail Wood, and Justin Wood.

Sunday School Attendance

5 out of 9 Sundays: Haley Jones

6 out of 9 Sundays: Ryne Jones, Christina Nelms, Ryan Nelms, Jane Pickens, Stewart Pickens, and Ashton Stuart

7 out of 9 Sundays: Adam Stuart

8 out of 9 Sundays: Austin Benson, Kendall Nelms, and Justin Wood

9 out of 9 Sundays: Abigail Wood

The Christian Education Committee greatly appreciates the commitment of these young people, and the parents who have encouraged them to be more active in Sunday School and Youth Activities. The goal for the remainder of the year is for these same people to continue to be committed, and encourage more young people to become involved.

Sunday School Classes Restructured

Beginning with the new Sunday School year in September, the classes for the children and youth of Providence will be restructured to better serve the various age groups. The classes will be as follows:

Grades 7-12 will meet in the "purple room" upstairs. Teachers are Amy Hovermale, Susan Scott, and Darren Stuart.

Grades 4-6 will meet in the classroom where the 3-5 class currently meets. Teachers are Richard Jones, Pam Nelms, and Kristy Stephenson.

Grades 1-3 will meet in the classroom where the K-2 class currently meets. Teachers are Stephanie McLamb, Wendy Stephenson, and Joan Stuart.

Preschool and Kindergarden will meet in the current Preschool room. Teachers are Andrea Jones, Beth Pickens, and Joan Stuart.

Nursery A nursery class will be provided during Sunday School in the nursery. Two nursery teachers will be present each Sunday to provide ample care to infants and young toddlers.

If you have questions, comments, or a desire to help with the Sunday School program, please contact Jeffrey Wood at 331.9046.

Presbyterian Women Quarterly Outing

On Friday, August 6, the Presbyterian Women will be going to Johnston Community College for a Gospel Concert at 7:00 p.m. Any women within the congregation who would like to attend are invited to come. The cost of the tickets is \$10 each, and everyone is responsible for their own transportation. If you are interested in going, or have any questions, please contact Lisa Nelms at 894.1419.

Also, the Presbyterian Women will resume their monthly meetings on August 17. The Daytime Circle will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, and the Evening Circle will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Kay Dry. If you need directions to Kay's house, please call her at 639.9784. Again, anyone who is interested in joining the Daytime or Evening Circles, we encourage you to attend one of these meetings. The Presbyterian Women are very active within the church and community throughout the year, and are always looking for new women to be a part of our organization.

Bible Study Resumes

The Bible Study Group will resume on Thursday, August 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Seekers Classroom. This study will be on the book of Exodus, and will be led by Rev. Mark Scott and Will Walls. Anyone who is interested in being a part of this group is invited to attend. To prepare for the first Bible study, please read Exodus chapters 1-3.

Youth Sunday

On Sunday, August 22, the Youth of the church will assist Rev. Scott in leading our Worship Service. All youth are encouraged to participate! Also, in the Fellowship Hall immediately following Worship, Nathan Reed, with the Johnston County Sheriff's Department, will give a talk on Drug Abuse. All Middle and High School students, and their parents, are encouraged to attend. Lunch will be provided. If you have any questions about Youth Sunday or the Lunch, please contact Rev. Mark Scott.

Also, on August 22, at 5:00 p.m. there will be an Ice Cream Social in the Fellowship Hall allowing the congregation to show their appreciation for the Sunday School teachers during 2003-2004, and recognizing the Sunday School teachers for 2004-2005. Please plan to attend, and enjoy a variety of homemade ice-creams!

Youth Car Wash - CANCELLED

Please note that the Car Wash, originally scheduled for Saturday, August 7, has been cancelled, and will be rescheduled for a later date!

Senior Citizen's Luncheon

As a reminder, the Quarterly Senior Citizen's Luncheon will be held a week later than usual, due to the Labor Day holiday. The luncheon is scheduled for **September 14** at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. All Senior Citizens are invited and are encouraged to bring a friend! Thanks to the wonderful group of folks who coordinate the meal, decorations, birthday recognitions, and entertainment during this lunch each quarter. This luncheon is an example of one of the many outreaches of Providence into our surrounding community!

Migrant Farm Worker Visit

On Sunday, August 29, a group will be going to a Migrant Farm Worker Camp in Wilson, N.C. This group will be leaving from the church at 1:30 p.m., and will return to the church at 6:30 p.m. Everyone within the congregation is invited to participate in this trip; however, the Youth and their families are strongly encouraged to participate in this mission trip. While at the camp, everyone will enjoy a meal together, fellowship, and possibly a game of futbol (soccer). This trip is part of The National Farm Workers Ministry, which is an organization helping to unite congregations and farm workers across the United States. If you have any questions regarding this trip, please contact Bob Dry at 621.2738.

Pleasant Grove Outreach

Pleasant Grove Outreach needs drivers who can deliver meals to homebound individuals in our community. If you can help once a week, once a month, or once a quarter, your help would be appreciated. It takes from 30 minutes to 1 hour to deliver the meals. If you can help, please contact Kent Walton at 772.8881, or come to the Pleasant Grove Community Building from 11:00 – 12 noon, Monday through Friday, and speak with Roxie Lee.

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Please remember to visit our church website at providencepresb.org. Dave Nelms does an outstanding job of maintaining this website, and keeping it up-to-date with various church events. You can also view the newsletter online! If you have any church-related information that you would like posted, please contact Dave Nelms at 894.1419, or e-mail him at dnelms@countrysoftware.com.

Pioneer Clubs Resume!

Even though we hate to see summer come to an end, there is something to be excited about.....Pioneer Clubs! Yes, Pioneer Clubs will kick-off on **Sunday, September 12**, with *Dude and Dudette Day Out*. What does this mean? The Middle and High School groups will spend the afternoon together with a special lunch out and a fun activity, and the Preschool through 5th grade will enjoy an afternoon together with lunch and a fun activity. The two groups will have separate outings, but will join together at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to officially kick-off the new Pioneer Clubs year! Look for more information to come regarding this event. Pioneer Clubs will meet the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month from 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted (see calendar below).

September 12 – Club Kickoff
September 26 – Regular Meeting
October 24 – Regular Meeting
October 29 – Camping Trip
November 14 – Regular Meeting
November 28 – Regular Meeting
December 19 – Christmas Meeting (12:30-3:00 p.m.)
January 9 – Regular Meeting
January 23 – Regular Meeting
February 13 – Regular Meeting
February 27 – Regular Meeting
March 13 – Regular Meeting
March 25 & 26 – Easter Celebration
April 10 – Regular Meeting
April 23 – Kid for Kid Hike
April 24 – Regular Meeting
May 8 – Regular meeting
May 22 – Closing Celebration and Promotion Ceremony

Anyone with questions, or a willingness to help with Pioneer Clubs, should contact Kathy Wood at 639.8399.

Will you be a Pal?

Do you have a minute each day to pray, two minutes each week to greet someone at church, five minutes each week to phone someone, or one hour each month to spend time with a friend? If you answered yes to any of these questions, you're just the kind of Pal our Pioneer Clubs members' need! A Pal is a Christian Adult who does the things listed above for one or more Pioneer Clubs members. There are many ways to show your support for the Pioneer Clubs program, and the work that it does and will continue to do for the youth of church. Being a Pal is just one of those ways. For more information on

becoming a Pal or other ways you can support this program, please contact Kathy Wood at 639.8399.

Erickson, David Everhart, David Ginn, Matt Guy, Chase Honeycutt, Joshua Langdon, Glen Parker, Todd Prince, Percy Rachels, Jonathan Wall, Scott West, and Mac Wood.

August Schedules

Nursery Keepers

1	Scott and Amy Hovermale
8	Eugene and Angie Schexnayder
15	Robbie and Kathy Wood
22	Linda Roberts and Carolyn Stuart
29	Kay Dry and Sandra Lordi

Nursery Floaters

1	Kelly Nordan
8	Elaine Wood
15	Deana Parrish
22	Beth Pickens
29	Jeffrey Wood

Ushers

1	Charlie Porter and Russell Wood
8	Stephen Nordan and Robbie Wood
15	Bob Reed and Darren Stuart
22	Wayne Langdon and Jeffrey Wood
29	Don Dupree and Ken Lordi

Acolyte

1	Hannah Stephenson
8	Jane Pickens
15	Austin Benson
22	Will Langdon
29	Ethan Hovermale

Bell Ringer

1	Jack Sherrill
8	Joseph Phillips
15	Hannah Stephenson
22	Kendall Nelms
29	Lauren Langdon

Children's Sermon

1	Kay Dry
8	Andrea Jones
22	Wendy Stephenson

Children's Church

1	Kay Dry and Sandra Lordi
8	Lisa and Christina Nelms
15	Scott and Amy Hovermale
22	Jim and Lisa Ingram
29	Mary and Lauren Langdon

Prayer List

Gavin Bailey, Cindy Brewer, Don Bullard, Annie Ruth Byrd, Jean Carroll, Eunice Chewning, B.J. Clifton, Lovie Dorman, Jim Duncan, Patricia Evans, Ann Marie Faggenbaum, Melissa Gease, Kathy Henry, Bill Howard, Chris Johnson, Willadean Johnson, Bobbie Langdon, Wesley McGee, Donald McLamb, Gloria McLamb, Martha Murray, Violet Murray, Joann Myers, Judy Parsons, Becky Roberts, Jaime Sorenson, Jean M. Stephenson, Kathy Stephenson, Allison Tart, and Ray Williford. Serving in the Armed Forces: Stephen Barbour, Jason Barrett, Wayne Embrey, Calvin

August Birthdays

♪♪♪ Happy Birthday to..... ♪♪♪

1	Dick Embrey
3	Brenda Dupree
4	Emma Ann Phillips
7	Pauline Jones
8	Clyde Parrish
9	Richard Jones
	Sandy Kopanski
	Keith Langdon
12	Ann Stephenson
13	Bob Reed
19	Stewart Pickens
	Nadine Reed
	Paul Stephenson
22	Mary Stephenson
24	Debbie Parrish
28	Elaine Wood
29	Tyler Nordan
30	Charlie Porter
31	Randy Benson

If your birthday is in August, but is not listed above, please notify DeEtta Wood at 331.9046. Thanks!

Upcoming Events

- Aug 2 Stated Session Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Seeker's Classroom
- Aug 6 Presbyterian Women Quarterly Outing to Johnston Community College for a Gospel Concert at 7:00 p.m.
- Aug 8 Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and collection of special offering for the Fort Bragg Chaplain's Fund
- Aug 14 End of Summer Celebration at McGee's Crossroads Pool from 8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Everyone is invited!
- Aug 17 Presbyterian Women Daytime Circle meets at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall; the Evening Circle will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Kay Dry
- Aug 19 Bible Study on the book of Exodus at 7:30 p.m. in the Seekers Classroom. Please read chapters 1-3
- Aug 22 Youth Sunday, with Youth assisting in leading the Worship Service. Discussion on Drug Abuse, led by Nathan Reed, immediately following Worship in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be provided.
- Aug 22 Ice Cream Social at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
- Aug 23 Cub Scout Registration will be held from Aug 23 – 27. Contact Kay Dry with questions.

- Aug 26 Deadline for Newsletter articles to be given to DeEtta Wood
- Aug 29 Migrant Farm Worker Visit, leaving from the church at 1:30 p.m. and returning at 6:30 p.m. Contact Bob Dry with questions.