

Presbyterians at the Crossroads

December 2004

Providence Presbyterian Church

Rev. C. Mark Scott

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Youth Christmas Program

Please come on Sunday, December 5 at 5:00 p.m. to see the youth of our church in *You Can't Keep Jesus in the Nativity Scene*. The youth have worked very hard over the past month learning their lines and the Christmas carols that will be sung during the program. You, the congregation, will also be asked to participate! Immediately following the program, there will be refreshments provided in the Fellowship Hall, along with a surprise visit from Santa Claus himself, bringing gifts for the children.

Thanks to Mary Langdon and Laura Langdon for organizing this program, and to Laura McLamb for working with the kids to learn new songs! Also, thanks to all the kids who have been faithful to come to practice and their parents for bringing them.

The next program rehearsal will be Saturday, December 4 at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Immediately following rehearsal, Mary Langdon, Laura Langdon, and Kathy Wood will be taking the kids Christmas Caroling, returning to the church for hot chocolate, hot cider, and other Christmas goodies. Parents are asked to pick up their children by 8:00 p.m. from the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions regarding the Christmas program or Christmas Caroling, please contact one of the ladies mentioned above.

Pioneer Clubs Information

Pioneer Clubs has enjoyed a fun-filled November. Sports Night and sdawkcaB Night were enjoyed by kids and adults alike. At the most recent meeting, the Voyager Club, which is made up of children in Kindergarten – 3rd grades, put on a puppet show for all the other club members. Their puppet show was about Moses in the Bulrushes. The children did a wonderful job, with the help of their teachers! Thanks to these kids for their hard work in making their puppets and their stage! The show was a success!

The next Pioneer Clubs meeting will be Sunday, December 12 immediately following Worship in the Fellowship Hall. A pizza lunch will be provided, followed by a short Bible Study, and will end with a Wrapping Party, where the children will wrap all the gifts that have been purchased for Barium Springs Home for Children. Parents are asked to pick up their children by 2:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs will resume with their meetings on January 9, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions regarding Pioneer Clubs, please contact Kathy Wood at 639.8399.

Sunday School Attendance

On Sunday, November 14, the Christian Education Committee recognized the children who had attended Sunday School during the 3rd quarter. The children who were recognized had at least 50% attendance in Sunday School during the 13 Sundays in the 3rd quarter. Those children are:

Austin Benson, Haley Jones, Ryne Jones, Amanda McLamb, Christina Nelms, Kendall Nelms, Ryan Nelms, Jane Pickens, Stewart Pickens, Daniel Stephenson, Hannah Stephenson, Samuel Stephenson, Adam Stuart, Ashton Stuart, Abigail Wood, Justin Wood, Mary Elaine Wood, and Riley Wood.

Congratulations and thank you to these children for their faithfulness to Sunday School, and to their parents for encouraging them. Also, the Christian Education Committee would like to thank the Sunday School teachers for all of their hard work and commitment to our Sunday School program.

The Christian Education Committee consists of: Kay Dry, Amy Hovermale, Steve Nordan, Beth Pickens, Darren Stuart, Jeffrey Wood, and Kathy Wood. If you have any questions regarding Sunday School or Youth Programs, feel free to contact one of these people.

Holiday Band Concert

On Tuesday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m., the McGee's Middle School Band will perform a Holiday Concert at the West Johnston High School Auditorium. Austin Benson, Emily Langdon and Jane Pickens will participate in this concert. Also, on Sunday, December 12 at 3:00 p.m. the West Johnston High School Band will hold its Holiday Concert. Ryne Jones and Stewart Pickens will participate in this event. These concerts are open to the public!

As an update on the recent Bands of America Grand Nationals Competition in Indianapolis, Indiana, West Johnston Marching Band was one of five North Carolina bands representing our state. They were the only North Carolina band to make it to the semi-finals out of 90 bands. They placed 16th in semi-finals, out of 30 bands, and placed 21st in the Country out of the 90 bands. This is an extraordinary accomplishment for a band that is only 3 years old. Congratulations to Ryne Jones and Stewart Pickens for being a part of this amazing accomplishment!

Senior Citizens Luncheon

The Senior Citizens luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, December 7 at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. Please note that this date is a correction to the date listed in the previous newsletter. All seniors are asked to come and bring a friend. There will be plenty of good food, fellowship, and fun.

Triangle Kids Marathon

Seven-year old Katie Rutherford is participating in the Triangle Kids Marathon on Saturday, December 4. The marathon is a fundraiser for the Children's Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. This will be Katie's third year of participating and she is looking for sponsors. If you would like to make a donation, Katie and her parents can be reached at 207.1488 or babybear@ipass.net. Any amount will help Katie meet her fundraising goal. Checks should be made payable to the Children's Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. All funds from the Triangle Kids Marathon go to the Society to support their mission: curing leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families.

Christian Sympathy

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to several members within our congregation who have had family members to pass away recently.

The family of Mae Belle Roberts, mother to Atlee Roberts; The family of Leonard Honeycutt, brother to Pauline Jones; The family of Gloria McLamb, cousin to Beck McLamb. Please continue to pray for these families as they deal with the loss of those close to them.

Harvest Day Luncheon Success!

On Sunday, November 21, the congregation enjoyed a beautiful day at church and a delicious lunch afterwards. The weather was perfect for our luncheon planned by the Long-Range Planning Committee, allowing the children and adults to be outside playing basketball, horseshoes, and enjoying our playground. It was also a blessing to have several visitors with us at church that day that were able to join us for lunch. Thanks to the Long-Range Planning Committee for all their hard work in planning this event, it was truly enjoyed by all!

Youth Spaghetti Supper

On Saturday, November 6 the youth had their annual Spaghetti Supper, Silent Auction, and Talent Show. During the evening, those who came enjoyed a delicious meal of spaghetti, salad, rolls, and dessert. Also, they were able to "shop" from a variety of items that had been donated to the Silent Auction. From the meal and the auction the youth raised over \$1250 to be used towards their mission project and future outings. Thanks to everyone who helped by bringing a dessert, donating items to the auction, cooking, cleaning, or coming to be with us that evening. The Youth appreciate your support!

Winter

Ghostly fields of white,
Life,
Sleeping in the snow.
Eerie,
The lack of energy.
Like death,
Like the ashes of a life.

Surveyors lines
On the plain,
Superimposed
Upon God's design
Delineate and determine
How far, how much.

These give way
To irregularities.
The snow finds places to collect
In hollows, sloughs
Beneath the trees,
Where the wind stops.

Now the sun
Dazzles the scene with
Something beyond death.

Hope!

*Lenita McCallum
Taken from The Presbyterian Outlook
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December Schedules

Nursery Keepers

5	Brenda Dupree and Carolyn Stevenson
12	Nell Franke and Jeffrey Wood
19	Donna McGee and Deana Parrish
26	Laura Langdon and Elaine Wood

Nursery Floaters

5	Georgeanna Phillips
12	Angie Schexnayder
19	Kathy Wood
26	Carolyn Stuart

Ushers

5	Andrea Jones and Mary Langdon
12	Beth Pickens and Kathy Wood
19	Amy Hovermale and Kristy Stephenson
26	Lisa Nelms and Pam Nelms

Acolyte

5	Will Langdon
12	Samuel Stephenson
19	Ethan Hovermale
26	Haley Jones

Bell Ringer

5	Hannah Stephenson
12	Kendall Nelms
19	Lauren Langdon
26	Ryne Jones

Children's Sermon

26	Kay Dry
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Children's Church

5	Mark and Pam Nelms
12	Sam and Wendy Stephenson
19	Allison and Meredith Tart
26	Elaine Wood and Kathy Wood

Prayer List

The Long-Range Planning Committee, Gavin Bailey, ray and Velma Bost, Brandon Brooks, Annie Ruth Byrd, Lovie Dorman, Patricia Evans, David Everhart, Kathy Henry, Bill Howard, Chris Johnson, Tim King, Bobbie Langdon, Debra Merrill, Wesley McGee, Martha Murray, Judy Parsons, Becky Roberts, Ann Robinson, Joe Rodriguez, Michelle Simmons, Alice Stephenson, Kathy Stephenson, Kevin Weintraub, Debbie White, Ray Williford, and all those serving in the Armed Forces.

December Birthdays

♪♪♪ Happy Birthday to..... ♪♪♪

2	Heath White
4	Dylan Schexnayder Karen Sherrill
5	Nancy Nelms
6	Janice Parrish
7	Beck McLamb Raeford Parrish
10	Miriam Beaver
11	Charles Wagner
16	Kim Schmidt
20	Ella Sherrill
26	Jenni Dry John Kopanski
27	Brenda Byrd
29	Stephen Nordan
30	Frances Schmidt

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

Upcoming Events

Dec 4	Christmas Program Rehearsal at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Dec 4	Christmas Caroling immediately following Christmas Program Rehearsal
Dec 5	Sacrament of the Lord's Supper during Worship
Dec 5	Christmas Program at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Dec 6	Stated Session Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Seekers Classroom
Dec 7	Senior Citizens Luncheon at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall
Dec 12	Pioneer Clubs Christmas Lunch and Meeting from 12:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
Dec 14	Presbyterian Women Daytime and Evening Circles Christmas Dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
Dec 24	Christmas Eve Communion Service
Dec 30	Deadline for items to be given to DeEtta Wood for the January newsletter