

Presbyterians at the Crossroads

June 2004

Providence Presbyterian Church

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Minister's Minutes

I found this in another church's newsletter this week, and I wanted to share it with you all.

"Even though I clutch my blanket and growl when the alarm clock rings, thank you, God, that I can hear. For there are many who are deaf.

Even though I keep my eyes closed against the bright morning light as long as possible, thank you, God, that I can see. For there are many who are blind.

Even though I huddle in my bed and put off rising, thank you, God, that I have the strength to rise. For there are many who are bedridden.

Even though the first hour of my day is hectic, when chores are to be done and tempers short, thank you, God, for my family. For there are many who are lonely.

Even though our breakfast table never looks like the pictures in magazines and the menu is most times unbalanced, thank you, God, for the food we enjoy. For there are many who are hungry.

Even though the routine of my job is most often monotonous, thank you, God, for the opportunity to work. For there are many who have no job.

Even though I grumble and bemoan my fate from day to day and wish my circumstances were not so complicated, thank you, God, for life and health. For there are many who are ill in body, mind and spirit.

Even though I neglect my prayers, my tithes, my church, thank you, God, for the family of faith at Providence Presbyterian Church who care about my soul. For there are many who have no comfort of heaven."

The Apostle Paul reminds us to "rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (II Thessalonians 5)

This is a reminder that I need everyday. How about you?

Yours in Christ,
Mark

Youth Car Wash Success

The Providence Youth would like to thank everyone who helped make our Car Wash on May 8 a success. Over \$500 was raised at this event, which will allow us to contribute money to Barium Springs Home for Children, and enjoy a trip to Emerald Pointe in July.

May 23 Congregational Meeting

At our Congregational Meeting on May 23, the Congregation approved the Long Range Finance Committee and the Session's recommendation to begin a Capital Fund Drive in September. This Capital Fund Drive is a three year goal to raise \$545,000 towards the building of a new Fellowship Hall and a wing with handicap accessible bathrooms, a nursery, and classrooms, connecting the current building to the new building. This expansion is estimated to cost \$1,650,000. We will also hire Church Financial Campaign Services at a cost of approximately \$5,000 to serve as our consultant during this campaign. Please see the enclosed insert for a copy of the plans for the new building.

Please continue to be in prayer for this project, and for the growth and health of our Congregation.

Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars for Bible study, crafts, songs, fun, food, and fellowship at Vacation Bible School 2004! VBS begins June 23 – 25 from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., with dinner being served each evening. There will be classes for children and adults. On Saturday, June 26 we will end VBS with a Celebration and Church-wide Fellowship Meal from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. In addition to our meal on June 26, we will be entertained with "Music at the Manse", a Volleyball Challenge (teams organized by the Session members), sack races, face painting, and many other exciting games. We encourage everyone from the "youngest to the not-so-youngest" to join us for this evening of FUN!

If you have any questions regarding VBS, or would like to help, please contact Amy Hovermale at 639.3262, or Allison Tart at 894.7369.

Presbyterian Women Update

On May 14-16, 14 Presbyterian Women enjoyed a weekend of Bible Study, fellowship, and fun at their Annual Beach Retreat to Carolina Beach. During our Saturday morning Bible Study, we were led in a meaningful study by Mrs. Ruth McSwain. The Presbyterian Women will not have their regular, monthly meetings in June and July, but will resume their meetings in August. If you have any questions regarding the Presbyterian Women, please contact Lisa Nelms at 894.1419.

Shelton Langdon Honored

On Sunday, May 23, high school graduate Shelton Langdon was honored with a Bible from the church, and a gift from the Presbyterian Women. Also, on May 19 at Senior Awards Night at West Johnston High School, he received a number of awards and recognitions. They are as follows: President Education Awards Program (2 years); NCSU Park Foundation Scholarship Award; NC Academic Scholars Certificate; Small Business Entrepreneurial; AP Calculus BC Award; Honors English IV Award; Coca-Cola Scholarship Award; High Honors Graduate (4.4 GPA); National Honors Society Recognition; Captain, Basketball Team (2 years); 1st Team All-Conference (2 years). Shelton will attend UNC-Wilmington in the fall, where he will try-out for the basketball team.

** Parents/Grandparents, please let DeEtta Wood know if your child/grandchild received any end of year awards so that those can be posted in our July newsletter.*

Boy Scout Troop 210

Boy Scout Troop 210 raised \$1,123 at their *Street Dreams 2004* Car Show on May 15. Thanks to all the men and women of Providence who helped with the preparation for this event. Troop 210 has several trips planned this summer, beginning with a trip to Bush Gardens on June 3, and a fishing trip to Rodanthe on June 4. Also, 3 scouts will go to Camp Tuscarora, near Bentonville, June 20-26.

Currently there are 9 boys and 4 adult leaders. If you are interested in Boy Scouts, please contact John Pickens at 639.5318.

Pioneer Clubs Update

On Sunday, May 16, Pioneer Clubs ended its first year thanking the Lord for the success of the program. An Awards Ceremony was held at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, with awards being presented to each Clubs member from their Clubs leader, and with thank you gifts being presented to each leader and helper. Also, Kathy Wood, Pioneer Clubs Coordinator, was presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers, expressing sincere thanks for her hard work in pulling all of this together!

There will be a Pioneer Clubs Leader Meeting on Saturday, June 12 at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, with breakfast being provided by the Nesselrodt Class. If you are a leader, or are interested in helping with Pioneer Clubs, please plan to attend this meeting.

Pioneer Clubs will resume for another year beginning in September. Please look for more information to come throughout the summer on the schedule for 2004-2005. If you have any questions regarding Pioneer Clubs, please contact Kathy Wood at 639.8399.

Cub Scout Pack 210

On April 2-4, 15 people from Cub Scout Pack 210 attended an overnight camping trip at Camp Tuscarora. There were 2 wolves with their Akelas (Jeff and Dalton Burke and Anthony and Austin James), and 5 Tigers with their Akelas (Chuck and Michael Brown, David and Joshua Collier, Danny and Danny Cagle, Marty and Hunter Godwin, Jeff, Debbie and Tommy Howard, and Andy and Andrew Stephenson). We slept in tents, made a fire, ate s'mores, and told stories. And that was just Friday night! On Saturday, we played lots of games and collected beads. The scout's favorite game was the balloon pop. Not just the scouts participated in games, the Akelas were involved too. The Akelas dueted the scouts in a game where you kicked a football, like a kickball, but played the game like baseball. If you think it sounds funny, you should have seen what we looked like playing! We won't comment on who won, but we can say that the boys are a lot faster than we thought. After the games we attended a crossing over ceremony from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts. There were Council Dancers in real Indian outfits, escorting the scouts across a bridge. After a day of games, hiking, and entertainment we made a fire, roasted marshmallows, and told stories. Believe it or not, all the boys were in bed by 10:00 p.m.!

Camp Albemarle

As a reminder, the schedule for Camp Albemarle is provided below. The Session has agreed to pay ½ of the cost for any church youth that would like to go to Camp Albemarle. If you have any other questions please talk with Mark Scott or visit Camp Albemarle's website at www.campalbemarle.org.

Date	Camp
6/6 - 6/11	Junior Camp #1 Service Corp #1
6/13 - 6/18	Middle Camp #1
6/13 - 6/25	Two Week Camp
6/20 - 6/25	Middle Camp #2
7/4 - 7/9	Middle Camp #3 Sea Kayak #1
7/11 - 7/16	Middle Camp #3 Sea Kayak #2
7/18 - 7/23	Junior Camp #3 Service Corp #3
7/25 - 7/30	Last Blast

Congratulations

We congratulate Bill McNeil and Sandy Woodall who were married on May 22, at the home of Rosemund and Ann Woodall. May God bless them in their new life together!

June Schedules

Nursery Keepers

6	Brenda Dupree and Carolyn Stevenson
13	Nell Franke and Jeffrey Wood
20	Donna McGee and Deana Parrish
27	Russell and Elaine Wood

Nursery Floaters

6	Georgeanna Phillips
13	Angie Schexnayder
20	Kathy Wood
27	Carolyn Stuart

Ushers

6	Wayne Langdon and Jeffrey Wood
13	Don Dupree and Ken Lordi
20	Dick Embrey and Hamilton Greene
27	Randy Benson and Richard Jones

Acolyte

6	Joseph Phillips
13	Jane Pickens
20	Haley Jones
27	Lauren Langdon

Bell Ringer

6	Hannah Stephenson
13	Megan Sherrill
20	Lauren Langdon
27	Austin Benson
30	Emily Langdon

Children's Sermon

13	Amy Hovermale
27	Mark Scott

Children's Church

6	Kent and Gwen Walton
13	Gary and Georgeanna Phillips
20	John and Beth Pickens
27	Kelly and Tyler Nordan

Prayer List

The family of Marshall Manns. Also, Don Bullard, Annie Ruth Byrd, B.J. Clifton, Lovie Dorman, Jim Duncan, Patricia Evans, Ann Marie Faggenbaum, Crystal Hamilton, Kathy Henry, Bill Howard, Lacy Johnson, Gloria McLamb, Charles Mitchell, Woody Mitchell, Judy Parsons, Becky Roberts, Jaime Sorenson, Kathy Stephenson, Ray Williford, and Ken Wiseheart. Serving in the Armed Forces: Stephen Barbour, Jason Barrett, Wayne Embrey, Calvin Erickson, David Everhart, David Ginn, Matt Guy, Joshua Langdon, Glen Parker, Percy Rachels, Scott West, and Mac Woods.

June Birthdays

♪♪♪♪ Happy Birthday to..... ♪♪♪♪

1	Daniel Stephenson
6	Pam Nelms
	Riley Wood
8	Don Dupree
9	Debbie Greene
	Lisa Nelms
11	Austin Benson
13	Kay Dry
18	Chellie Poston
25	Margaret Massengill
27	Hamilton Greene
	Lauren Langdon
29	Ethan Hovermale

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

Upcoming Events

- June 1 VBS Planning Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Men's Classroom
- June 7 Stated Session Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Seeker's Classroom
- June 8 Senior Citizens Luncheon at 12:00 in the Fellowship Hall
- June 12 Pioneer Clubs Leader Meeting at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
- June 13 Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper during Worship Service
- June 23 Vacation Bible School from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. for adults and children. Dinner will be provided.
- June 24 Vacation Bible School from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. for adults and children. Dinner will be provided.
- June 25 Vacation Bible School from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. for adults and children. Dinner will be provided.
- June 26 Vacation Bible School Celebration and Church-wide Fellowship Meal from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Deadline

If you have any information that needs to appear in the July newsletter, please have that information to DeEtta Wood by Thursday, June 24. Thanks!