

Presbyterians at the Crossroads

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Providence Presbyterian Church

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Pastor's Paragraph

A New Testament scholar once commented that the Apostle Paul never thanked anybody! That sounds rude at first, doesn't it? Then the scholar completed his comment – the Apostle Paul always instead of thanking people thanked God for them and let people know that he did.

I thank God for each of you and for your prayerful patience and concern for Susan and me. This has been a most difficult period in all of our lives, and I know it is difficult for you all too.

Please know that we are working to resolve any problems in the best way we can, and will keep the Session members informed. They in turn will keep you all informed with any progress made and any necessary decisions.

I know my house is not in good order right now as reflected in I Timothy 3:4. With the Lord's help it will be. I look now also to Paul's words in Galatians 6:1-2 as a reference point....and I know you are "bearing a burden" for me and with me and for Susan and with her.

I thank God for this and for your prayers.

Yours in Christ,

Kid for Kids Hike

Providence Presbyterian Church will sponsor and *Kid for Kids Hike* on Saturday, October 30. The 2-hour hike will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 11:00 a.m. at Lake Benson in Garner, N.C. We will have games, music, hiking, and light refreshments. Funds raised by sponsored hikers will support the Barium Springs Home for Children Mission Project and Pioneer Clubs. If you would like to volunteer for any part of this fun-filled event or would like to sponsor a hiker, please contact Kathy Wood at 639.8399.

Pioneer Clubs

As we continue our Pioneer Clubs meetings this year, we will be starting Unit 2. Each class will be working towards special Bible and Activity Awards. Also, we have a new addition to our Clubs this year – the Skippers! Skippers are preschool aged children that love to play and learn. This club will be starting with Unit 1 – *Made by God*. Two and three year olds are eager to discover what their bodies can do. In this unit, they will have many opportunities to use their eyes, ears, hands, and mouths. They will learn that God made them, and the name of their Unit award is *Made by God*.

The Voyager Club (grades K-2) has returned ready to learn about *Honoring their Families*. Families are very important to Voyager-aged children. Their view of God and the world is shaped greatly by their home situations. This unit gives them to the opportunity to affirm positive aspects of family life and help members honor their families in practical ways. Some Voyagers have moved up to Pathfinders (grades 3-5) and the class is packed! They are also starting Unit 2, *Learning from Nature*, and are busy developing a self-image and setting standards for themselves. This unit uses object lessons from nature to help them learn to grow spiritually and socially in ways that please God. They will learn how much God loves them and how they can show love and gratitude in return. Their unit awards are *learning from Nature, Nature Projects, and Weather*.

The Challengers (grades 6-8) are back this year and are cooking up some great projects. We will hear more from them real soon! The Explorers (grades 9-12) are taking a more hands-on approach this year. They will be in the younger classes leading games and activities.

Each club will earn Mission Awards and special honor badges for the upcoming Kids for Kids Hike. The Skippers will earn special stars and a Mission Badge, Voyagers will earn the *Outdoor* and Mission Badge, Pathfinders will earn the *Trail Hikes* and Mission Badge, and Challengers will earn the *Mapping it Out* pin and Mission Badge. The Explorers will be treated to dinner and a movie (date to be determined). Please be in prayer for each of our Clubs and all of our adult teachers and helpers.

If you would like to become a member or helper of Pioneer Clubs, please contact Kathy Wood at 639.8399

Spaghetti Supper, Talent Show and Silent Auction

On Saturday, November 6, the Youth will host their Annual Spaghetti Supper, Talent Show, and Silent Auction at 6:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars for this fun-filled evening! The young people have fun displaying their talents, and the adults have fun with their bidding wars over the Silent Auction items.

If you are interested in participating in the Talent Show, please notify DeEtta Wood. Whether your talent is singing, playing an instrument, acting, dancing, drawing/painting, reciting poetry, or making animals with balloons, we want you to be a part of this show.

Also, if you have any items that you would like to donate to the Silent Auction, please notify DeEtta Wood. Most of these items are also displays of the talents within our church, from cakes and canned goods to paintings and wood-work; there is definitely something that you will want to bid on!

The Youth are asked to be at the church by 4:00 p.m. to begin setting up for this event! All volunteers who would like to help with the Supper, Talent Show, or Silent Auction, are needed! Please contact DeEtta Wood at 331.9046 if you would like to volunteer to help or have any questions regarding this event!

The monies raised during this event will go towards Youth Mission Projects and the funding of the Church-wide Winter Retreat to Winterplace, West Va. As always, your support and prayers for our young people are appreciated!

Thank You Letter

During our Communion Service in August, Providence collected a special offering for the Ft. Bragg Chaplain's Fund in the amount of \$224.00. On September 24 we received a letter from the Installation Chaplain thanking us for this offering. The letter is written below:

We would like to thank the members of Providence Presbyterian Church for your donation of \$224.00 to the Chapel Tithes and Offerings Fund for Operation Helping Hand. Your kindness and generosity enables the soldiers and families of the Fort Bragg Community to be strengthened in a time of need.

Again, I give my most sincere thanks for your contribution.

Most gratefully,

*Gustaf H. Steinhilber
Chapel (Colonel) USA
Installation Chaplain*

College Students and Young Adults

Well, the new school year is well under way! Many of our young people are now in college and are facing the challenges of school, and some have recently graduated and are pursuing careers. Even though they are away, please remember these students and young adults in your thoughts and prayers, maybe even drop them a card to let them know you are thinking about them back home.

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Weekly Bible Study

Please remember that there is a weekly Bible Study that meets every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. in the Seekers Classroom. This is a small, group Bible Study, but anyone who would like to participate is encouraged to join at any time. This group is studying the book of Exodus.

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Remember that you can view this newsletter, as well as other important information regarding Providence Presbyterian Church at our website www.providencepresb.org. This website is updated by Dave Nelms, so if you have any information that you would like posted, please contact Dave to have it put on the website. Thanks Dave for doing such a wonderful job!

October Schedules

Nursery Keepers

3	Darren and Joan Stuart
10	Gary and Georgeanna Phillips
17	Kent and Gwen Walton
24	John and Beth Pickens
31	Richard and Andrea Jones

Nursery Floaters

3	Andrea Jones
10	Pam Nelms
17	DeEtta Wood
24	Kelly Nordan
31	Gary Phillips

Ushers

3	Steve Nordan and John Pickens
10	Gary Phillips and Atlee Roberts
17	Charlie Porter and Russell Wood
24	Stephen Nordan and Robbie Wood
31	Bob Reed and Darren Stuart

Acolyte

3	Ryne Jones
10	Kendall Nelms
17	Abigail Wood
24	Katie Rutherford
31	Daniel Stephenson

Bell Ringer

3	Will Langdon
10	Haley Jones
17	Jane Pickens
24	Daniel Stephenson
31	Katie Rutherford

Children's Sermon

3	Ann Benson
17	Kathy Wood

Children's Church

3	Gary and Georgeanna Phillips
10	Kent and Gwen Walton
17	John and Beth Pickens
24	Kelly Nordan and Stephanie Bagley
31	Robbie and Kathy Wood

Prayer List

Calvin Bagley, Gavin Bailey, Ray Bost, Cindy Brewer, Brandon Brooks, Donna Burnette, Don Bullard, Annie Ruth Byrd, Eunice Chewning, George Coats, Robert Craven, Vera Critcher, Lovie Dorman, Patricia Evans, Ann Marie Faggenbaum, Lera Flowers, Frankie Floyd, Kathy Henry, Leonard Honeycutt, Bill Howard, Chris Johnson, Bobbie Langdon, Debra Merrill, Wesley McGee, Gloria McLamb, Martha Murray, Violet Murray, Maxine O'Connell, Judy Parsons, Becky Roberts, Joe Rodriguez, Sherry Rutherford, Alice Stephenson, Jean M. Stephenson, Kathy Stephenson, Gwen Walton, Kevin Weintraub, Debbie White, Phillip Whittington, Vince Wiegman, and Ray Williford. **Serving in the Armed Forces:** Stephen Barbour, Jason Barrett, Wayne Embrey, Calvin Erickson, David Everhart, David Ginn, Matt Guy, Chase Honeycutt, Joshua Langdon, Glen Parker, Todd Prince, Percy Rachels, Jonathan Wall, Scott West, and Mac Wood.

October Birthdays

♪♪♪ Happy Birthday to..... ♪♪♪

1	Mark Scott
3	Elise Wiley
4	Allison Tart
6	Amanda McLamb
8	Carolyn Johnson
11	Robbie Wood
13	Adam Stuart
17	Abigail Wood
18	Susan Scott
	Paul Sherrill
19	Sherry Rutherford
21	Andrea Jones
22	Emily Langdon
	Bud Schmidt
24	Clyde Wiley
30	David Stevenson

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

Upcoming Events

- Oct 4 Stated Session Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Seekers Classroom
- Oct 7 Bible Study Group meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Seekers Classroom
- Oct 10 Homecoming Service at 11:00 a.m. Mr. Clyde Wiley will be our speaker, and lunch will follow Worship Service.
- Oct 14 Bible Study Group meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Seekers Classroom
- Oct 19 Presbyterian Women Daytime Circle meets at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, and the Evening Circle meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
- Oct 21 Bible Study Group meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Seekers Classroom
- Oct 21 Deadline for items to be given to DeEtta Wood for the November newsletter
- Oct 24 Men's Fellowship Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
- Oct 24 Pioneer Clubs from 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., meeting in the Fellowship Hall
- Oct 30 Pioneer Clubs Kid for Kid Hike at Lake Benson from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. If it is raining, the gathering will be in the Fellowship Hall