

Presbyterians at the Crossroads

September 2004

Providence Presbyterian Church

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Pastor's Paragraph

I talked with a mother who wanted so much for her little daughter to see a bunny...she asked the Lord in an instant prayer. The daughter looked out the window and the bunny hopped out in sight for her to see!

Another mother and daughter have a rabbit who visits their backyard daily. Although the daughter gardens there, she doesn't seem to mind the rabbit eating some of her plants. Many folks have also enjoyed watching humming birds this summer. I have.

Watching nature delights us...we become like children in our wonder. Seeing creation in all its living shapes and forms forever amazes us all.

Jesus also loved the things of nature. He watched the birds and the lilies of the field...the way corn and wheat spring up from the earth and grow. I think looking around at God's good creation tells us all that we are part of something much bigger and more amazing than we can ever know, and it's a comfort to know that God is so great and that God is in control of it all...even our lives.

"Look at the birds of the air...Consider the lilies of the field." (Matthew 6)

Yours in Christ,

Congratulations

Thanks to the Lord and congratulations to Ashley and Crissy Porter, and sister Margot, on the birth of Silas Parker, born Thursday, August 5, weighing 10 lbs, 7 oz, 21 ½ inches long!

Senior Citizen's Luncheon

All Senior Citizens are invited to attend the Quarterly Senior Citizen's Luncheon, which will be held on Tuesday, September 14 at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. Come and enjoy a delicious meal, along with some great entertainment.

Men's Fellowship

The Men's Fellowship will resume their monthly meetings on Sunday, September 26 at 7:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Breakfast will be served. The Men's Fellowship meets the 4th Sunday of each month at 7:30 a.m., and all men are encouraged to participate in these meetings. If you have any

questions regarding Men's Fellowship, please contact Kent Walton or Tom Nelms.

Calling All Kids!

Calling all kids (and their parents)! Get set for the big Pioneer Clubs Kickoff. Come for fun, food, and fellowship. So kids, grab a parent or two, and some friends and their parents, and dive into Pioneer Clubs on September 26 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. You and your parents will have a super time. Dinner will be provided.

Pioneer Clubs is pleased to announce our newest addition – *Skipper Club*. The Skipper Club is for preschool ages (2-4). Anyone in this age group, or any age group, who would like to join Pioneer Clubs, please contact Kathy Wood at 639.8399.

Also, please see the revised Pioneer Clubs calendar below, for a list of events that will take place during the 2004-2005 Pioneer Clubs year:

- September 26 – Regular Meeting
- October 24 – Regular Meeting
- October 29 – Fall Kid for Kid Hike
- 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 Celebrations
- April 10 – Regular Meeting
- April 23 – Spring Kid for Kid Hike
- April 24 – Regular Meeting
- May 8 – Regular Meeting
- May 22 – Closing Celebration and Promotion Ceremony

Pioneer Clubs would not be the success it has been thus far without the prayers and support of those within our Congregation. Please continue to pray for this program as it ministers to our children, as well as children within our community.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee to elect 3 new elders for the Class of 2007 has been formed. Representing the Session: Mark Nelms, and Jeffrey Wood (Chair); Representing the Presbyterian Women: Sandra Lordi; Representing the Men of the Church: Beck McLamb; Representing the Seeker's Class: Amy Hovermale. This Committee will have their first meeting on Sunday, September 12 at 4:30 p.m. in the Ladies Sunday School Classroom. Please be in prayer for

this Committee as they work to select members of our Congregation to serve as Elders for our Church.

End of Summer Celebration and Ice Cream Social

On Saturday, August 28, approximately 65 people enjoyed an evening of fun, fellowship, food, and swimming at McGee's Crossroads Pool. We appreciate everyone who came out to be a part of the fun, and for all those who helped with the preparation of the food and homemade ice cream. What a great way to end a busy summer!

Sunday School Bible Study

Beginning Sunday, September 5, Clyde and Suzanne Wiley will lead a Bible Study on the book of Romans. This Bible Study will be hosted by the Seekers Sunday School Class, and will meet in their classroom each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. This Bible Study will continue through all of September, October, and November. The Seekers Sunday School Class invites anyone who is interested, to participate in this study.

New Sunday School Class

Beginning Sunday, September 19, a new Sunday School Class for Young Adults will begin meeting each Sunday in the Library at 10:00 a.m. This class will study marriage in a Christian context, based on the Holy Scriptures and a book called *Love Never Ends* by Drs. Robert and Jeannette Lauer. The class will be led by Will and Julie Walls. The class will have a Fellowship Luncheon on Sunday, September 12 at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Jeffrey and DeEtta Wood. Anyone who is interested in participating in this class is also invited to the luncheon. If you plan to be a part of this new class or the luncheon, please notify Will Walls.

Youth Sunday

Youth Sunday was a true success! Approximately 13 young people took part in leading the Congregation in Worship on Sunday, August 22. In addition, our Children's Choir performed two songs during the service. Thanks to all the young people who helped make this Worship Service special.

Also, on August 22, in a lunch program following Worship, Johnston County Sheriff's Department representative, and member of Providence, Nathan Reed and his wife Heather, talked with our Middle and High School youth and their parents about the dangers of Drug Abuse. Everyone learned a lot, and

we are thankful to Nathan and Heather for their time and their commitment.

"Growing Together" 2004

On Saturday, September 18, New Hope Presbytery will offer a number of courses at Johnston Community College. The courses consist of topics such as Christian Education, Christian Life, Church Development, Theology, and Missions. Classes will begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at 3:15 p.m. The pre-registration deadline is September 8, at a cost of \$13 per person. You may also register the morning of September 18 at 9:00 a.m., at a cost of \$15 per person. Lunch is included in the registration fee. Childcare will be provided at First Presbyterian Church of Smithfield for children ages 6 months to Kindergarten, at a cost of \$5 per child. If you are interested in participating in any of these classes, please speak with Mark Scott for registration information, or you may call the Presbytery of New Hope at 252.443.7090 x 124.

Sunday School Class Reorganization

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 Kindergarten 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.

Included with this newsletter is a map of the Church indicating the location of each Sunday School Class for the 2004-2005 Sunday School year. Anyone with questions regarding Sunday School, please contact Jeffrey Wood at 331.9046.

September Schedules

Nursery Keepers

5	Laura Langdon and Mary Langdon
12	Jeffrey and DeEtta Wood
19	John and Beth Pickens
26	Christina Nelms and Kelly Nordan

Nursery Floaters

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

Ushers

5	Dick Embrey and Hamilton Greene
12	Randy Benson and Richard Jones
19	Nathan Dry and John Kopanski
26	Mark Nelms and Jimmy Stuart

Acolyte

5	Samuel Stephenson
12	Emily Langdon
19	Haley Jones
26	Lauren Langdon

Bell Ringer

5	Ryne Jones
12	Ethan Hovermale
19	Austin Benson
26	Emily Langdon

Children's Sermon

5	Darren Stuart
19	Carolyn Stevenson

Children's Church

5	Nancy Nelms and Carolyn Stuart
12	Laura and Stephanie McLamb
19	Sam and Wendy Stephenson
26	Allison and Meredith Tart

Prayer List

Gavin Bailey, Cindy Brewer, Brandon Brooks, Donna Burnette, Don Bullard, Annie Ruth Byrd, Jean Carroll, Eunice Chewning, George Coats, Lovie Dorman, Jim Duncan, Patricia Evans, Ann Marie Faggenbaum, Melissa Gease, Kathy Henry, Leonard Honeycutt, Bill Howard, Chris Johnson, Bobbie Langdon, Debra Merrill, Wesley McGee, Gloria McLamb, Martha Murray, Violet Murray, Judy Parsons, Becky Roberts, Sherry Rutherford, Jean M. Stephenson, Kathy Stephenson, 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.

September Birthdays

♪♪♪♪ Happy Birthday to..... ♪♪♪♪

1	Stephanie McLamb
	Carolyn Stuart
5	Mabel Ennis
	Dorothy Nesselrodt
10	Jessica Langdon
11	Nell Franke
12	Joseph Phillips
13	DeEtta Wood
14	Stephanie Bagley
16	Bobbie Langdon
	Mary Elaine Wood
17	Deana Parrish
19	Ashton Stuart
25	Amanda Penny
28	Pat Embrey
	Haley Jones
30	Nathan Dry

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

Upcoming Events

- Sept 2 Bible Study Group meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Seekers Classroom
- Sept 5 Sunday School Elective on the book of Romans begins at 10:00 a.m. in the Seekers Classroom, and will continue through November 28
- Sept 9 Bible Study Group meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Seekers Classroom
- Sept 12 Nominating Committee meets at 4:30 p.m. in the Ladies Sunday School Classroom
- Sept 13 Stated Session Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Seeker's Classroom
- Sept 14 Senior Citizens Luncheon at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall
- Sept 16 Bible Study Group meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Seekers Classroom
- Sept 21 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
- Sept 23 Bible Study Group meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Seekers Classroom
- Sept 23 Deadline for items to be given to DeEtta Wood for the October newsletter
- Sept 26 Men's Fellowship Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

- Sept 26 Pioneer Clubs from 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.,
meeting in the Fellowship Hall
- Sept 30 Bible Study Group meets at 7:30 p.m. in the
Seekers Classroom