

# Presbyterians at the Crossroads

## April 2005

Providence Presbyterian Church

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### Presbyterian Women Update

On Friday, March 18, the Presbyterian Women sponsored a successful Chicken Pastry Supper. They would like to thank everyone who participated, whether it was cooking, serving, or coming to eat. Over \$1000 was raised from this event, and the money will be used to fund various Presbyterian Women projects throughout the year.

In addition, the Presbyterian Women are working on producing a cookbook to be ready for purchase by Homecoming in October. Anyone who would like to contribute recipes to this cookbook, can do so by asking Lisa Nelms for recipe cards. The recipe cards must be completed and returned to Lisa by Sunday, April 10.

The Presbyterian Women Annual Beach Retreat is scheduled for Friday, April 29 – Sunday, May 1 at Emerald Isle, NC. Anyone with questions or an interest in going should contact Lisa Nelms.

The next Presbyterian Women meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 19. The Daytime Circle meets at 10:00 a.m. and the Evening Circle meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All women within the church are invited to be a part of the Providence Presbyterian Women. At the April meeting, the Evening Circle will be making Health Kits to be distributed to the Tsunami victims. If you have questions regarding the Presbyterian Women, please contact Lisa Nelms at 894.1419.

### Long-Range Finance Committee

The Long-Range Finance Committee (LRFC) has been very busy the past several months. Currently they are working with the Session to explore possibilities for a picnic shelter and paving the parking lot. The Session and LRFC plan to have information to present to the Congregation after the next Session meeting scheduled for Monday, April 11.

In addition, the LRFC is working with the Men of the Church and the Boy Scouts to plan a Fish Fry for Friday, May 20. The funds raised by this activity will go towards projects planned by the Men of the Church, the Boy Scouts and the Building Fund. The LRFC is busy at work supporting and assisting our Church in improving facilities and growing our church, while asking for your continued prayers for guidance in God's plan for Providence Presbyterian Church.

### Men's Softball Team

During their March meeting, the Session approved a Men's Softball team to be formed to play in the Church League of Garner. As a result, a team has been formed and has been practicing at South Garner Park off of Aversboro Road. Their first game is scheduled for Tuesday, April 5 at 7:00 p.m. against Church of the Nazarene. The schedule for the remainder of the season is listed below:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Team</u>
April 7	9:00 p.m.	Garner Methodist
April 12	8:00 p.m.	Highland Baptist
April 14	7:00 p.m.	Hollands Methodist
April 19	8:00 p.m.	Nazarene Red
April 21	8:00 p.m.	Church of Nazarene
April 26	7:00 p.m.	Garner Methodist
April 28	9:00 p.m.	Highland Baptist
May 3	8:00 p.m.	Hollands Methodist
May 5	7:00 p.m.	Nazarene Red
May 10	8:00 p.m.	Church of Nazarene
May 12	8:00 p.m.	Garner Methodist
May 17	7:00 p.m.	Highland Baptist
May 19	9:00 p.m.	Hollands Methodist
May 24	8:00 p.m.	Nazarene Red

All of these games will be played at South Garner Park. Please come out to support our team at their games! If you have questions or are interested in playing, please contact Robbie Wood at 639.8399.

### Pioneer Clubs

Pioneer Clubs is scheduled to meet again on Sunday, April 10 at 5:00 p.m. The theme for this meeting will be a HAT PARTY! Everyone is asked to wear their favorite hat. On Saturday, April 23 from 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Pioneer Clubs will have their Spring Kid-for-Kid hike at Lake Benson Park in Garner. All club members and their parents are asked to come out for a fun hike around the Lake, along with games and refreshments. If it is raining, the hike will take place in the church Fellowship Hall. The Pioneer Clubs meeting scheduled for Sunday, April 24 will be a Mexican Fiesta! The clubs will have fun trying to break piñatas, while enjoying a Mexican meal. The piñatas were made as a service project by Girl Scout Troop 1201 and donated to Pioneer Clubs. Thanks to Troop 1201! If you have any questions regarding Pioneer Clubs, please contact Kathy Wood at 639.8399.

### New Church Sign

As you've probably noticed, the church sign is missing. It was recently torn down when a car skidded off the road during the snow and ice and ran into it. The Property Committee, along with the Long-Range Planning Committee and the Session has been researching options for replacing the sign. During their March meeting, the Session approved the request for a contract to be given to Sign & Awning Systems, Inc. in Dunn, NC, and the sign should be ordered and in place by the end of April.

### Vacation Bible School

The 2005 Vacation Bible School is scheduled for Wednesday, June 8 – Saturday, June 12. Beth Pickens is the VBS Coordinator, and anyone who would like to help by teaching, assisting, or planning is asked to call her at 639.5318.

### Christian Sympathy

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the family of Agnes Dupree, Don Dupree's mother, who died Sunday, March 27, and to the family of Annie Ruth Byrd, Carlos Bagley's grandmother, who died Tuesday, March 29.

### West Johnston High School Band

The West Johnston High School Band will present their Annual Spring Concert on Sunday, May 1 at 3:00 p.m. in the WJHS Auditorium. This concert is free of charge and open to the public. Please come out and support Ryne Jones, Stewart Pickens, and the WJHS Band at what will be a wonderful presentation.

### McGee's Winterguard

The McGee's Winterguard, which includes Emily Langdon and Jane Pickens, will be traveling to Powhatan, VA the first weekend in April to compete in the State/Regional Winterguard AIA Championship. The McGee's Winterguard placed 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Winterguard Show held in Clayton the weekend of March 19. Way to Go!

### Flowers for Worship

As a reminder, there are Sundays open for flowers to be placed in the Sanctuary for Worship. If you would like to place flowers in the church, please contact Beth Pickens at 639.5318.

### Congratulations to.....

Jason and Cindy Parrish on the birth of their son, Jackson Monroe, born on Saturday, March 26 weighing 4 lbs 14 oz. Big brother Riley is enjoying helping mom and dad look after his new baby brother!

### Who's in Control?

*I smiled as a friend told me about his experience in a New York City taxi. The driver seemed determined to demonstrate his skill and daring in negotiating the traffic congestion of the big city. He went careening down busy streets, making abrupt turns, nearly sideswiping cars, and coming to screeching stops.*

*My friend was sure the trip was going to end in a cemetery. He was frustrated and afraid because he didn't have control, and he felt that his life was in unreliable hands.*

*As I thought about my friend's experience, it reminded me of our human tendency to want to be in charge of everything. We are nervous whenever we feel that the control of our lives is out of our hands.*

*As followers of Christ, we know we need to yield to Him as the Lord of our lives. We can do that without fear as we remind ourselves that He would never be reckless in the way He leads us. We need to learn to relax in Him and believe that He can handle anything He allows to come into our lives.*

*Although we need to plan and live responsibly, we are wise to recognize God's control (Proverbs 16:9; James 4:13-17). It is God's will, not our efforts, that keeps us alive and safe. The best place to be is in His hands.*

*I know not what the day may bring – Tomorrow waits unknown; But this I know, the changeless Christ, my Lord, is on His throne.*

*Our unknown future is safe in the hands of the all-knowing God.*

Our Daily Bread  
June 2002

## April Schedules

### Infant Nursery

3	Andy and Lynn Stephenson
10	Carlos and Stephanie Bagley
17	Robbie and Kathy Wood
24	Lisa Nelms and Kristy Stephenson

### Toddler Nursery

3	Amy Hovermale
10	Angie Schexnayder
17	Andrea Jones
24	Chris Stephenson

### Ushers

3	Don Dupree and Ken Lordi
10	Dick Embrey and Hamilton Greene
17	Randy Benson and Richard Jones
24	Bob Reed and Darren Stuart

### Acolyte

3	Andrew Stephenson
10	Kendall Nelms
17	Jane Pickens
24	Lauren Langdon

### Bell Ringer

3	Hannah Stephenson
10	Jane Pickens
17	Will Langdon
24	Ethan Hovermale

### Children's Sermon

3	Darren Stuart
10	Kay Dry
17	Wendy Stephenson

### Children's Church

3	Mary and Emily Langdon
10	Nancy and Christina Nelms
17	Laura and Amanda McLamb
24	Sam and Wendy Stephenson

### Prayer List

The Interim Search Committee, the Long-Range Planning Committee, Ray and Velma Bost, Marguritte Clifton, Lovie Dorman, Patricia Evans, Kathy Henry, Chris Johnson, Stacy Johnson, Tim King, Bobbie Langdon, Joyce Lee, Debra Merrill, Wesley McGee, Lottie K. Morris, Norma Parsons, Becky Roberts, Joe Rodriguez, Michelle Simmons, Alice Stephenson, Paul

and Ann Stephenson, Gwen Walton, Kevin Weintraub, and all those serving in the Armed Forces.

## April Birthdays

♪♪♪ Happy Birthday to..... ♪♪♪

3	Carlos Bagley John Pickens
9	Peggy Barnhill Amy Reed
10	Katie Rutherford Sharon Stephenson
11	Hannah McGee
14	Brack Johnson
19	Will Langdon Charlie Parrish Bob Zatteiro
22	Lacy Johnson Norma Parsons
23	Joan Stuart
24	Joshua Collier Leon Parrish
25	Meredith Tart
27	Lou Penny

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

## April Upcoming Events

10	Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper during Worship
10	Pioneer Clubs – Hat Party! At 5:00 p.m.
11	Stated Session meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Seeker's Classroom
19	Presbyterian Women Daytime Circle meets at 10:00 a.m., and the Evening Circle meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The Evening Circle will make Health Kits for Tsunami victims
23	Pioneer Clubs Spring Kid for Kid Hike at 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. at Lake Benson Park in Garner. If raining, the hike will be in the Fellowship Hall
24	Men's Fellowship Breakfast at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
24	Pioneer Clubs at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall – Mexican Fiesta!
29	Presbyterian Women leave for Annual Beach Retreat to Emerald Isle, returning on Sunday, May 1.