

Presbyterians at the Crossroads

October 2005

Providence Presbyterian Church

Rev. Lisa Nance

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Pastor's Paragraph

Hallelujah! You know, sometimes the Lord answers a prayer that you didn't even know you had! I feel that way about finding Providence. Back in October, I began to feel the nudgings to return to the ministry, but couldn't figure out what direction I was supposed to go. In an effort to get my feet back into the water, I enrolled in a class in Texas to learn about interim ministry. I figured it would be handy information to have, no matter where I was headed – I had no idea that God was planning on me putting that new knowledge to work quite so soon!

But here I am – finding the opportunity to worship and grow at Providence! I look forward to the time we will have together in the coming months. I understand the Church to be the family of God and I am very excited that our Lord has brought me to this part of His family. There are so many things going on here and so many opportunities to do God's work!

Sometimes in this world, something happens that we can't explain. Somehow two people meet and fall in love, a student finds a teacher that can finally reach them, a family finds the perfect pet – as Christians, we know that the Spirit of our loving God is the binding force in such unions. I thank God that the Holy Spirit has now bound us to one another, and pray that our union glorifies His holy name!

*In Christ,
Lisa Nance
Interim Minister*

Annual Homecoming Service

On **Sunday, October 9**, Providence will have its annual Homecoming Service at 11:00 a.m., with dinner on the grounds immediately following Worship. Everyone is invited to come and bring a friend as we enjoy this exciting time of Worship and fellowship. Mr. Clyde Wiley will be our guest speaker, and the offering collected during service will go towards the Parking Lot project.

Presbyterian Women – THANK YOU!

The Presbyterian Women would like to thank those who have purchased the 2005 cookbook. Sales have been successful, but there are still plenty of books left to be purchased. The Presbyterian Women will be set up during the lunch at Homecoming to sell cookbooks to anyone interested in making a purchase. The cookbooks are \$15 each, have 288 recipes, are in a 3-ring binder, with colored tab dividers, and it comes with a stand. The monies raised from these sells will go towards the Parking Lot project.

Confirmation Class

Our Confirmation Class students have undertaken a very important part of their faith journey. Through the material presented, the fellowship enjoyed and the work undertaken, each student will be deciding if the time is right for a personal profession of faith. When we baptize our children, we take vows, promising to raise them within the family of faith, praying for them and nurturing them. As young adults, we offer these youth the opportunity to take those vows for themselves, signifying a very important step in their lives. Please, pray for each youth as they discern their calling during this process. Ask God to pour out His blessings upon them that they might come to know the love of our God in an even closer personal relationship with Him and with their church family.

The classes will meet from October 2 – November 13. As part of the mission of the class, the youth will be preparing boxes with basic necessities, either for a local mission or for the hurricane victims. We will be asking the congregation for contributions for these boxes. When we know the exact items, we will list them in the bulletin – please help us with this project if you are able. But most importantly – keep praying for each one of our youth as they prepare their hearts during this time.

If you have questions or are interested in participating in this class, please contact Rev. Lisa Nance.

Parking Lot

With God's blessings, Providence's plan for modernized parking facilities will soon begin. The project will begin once the goal of \$100,000 has been pledged. As of Sunday, September 25, \$64,215 has been pledged and/or given (2/3 of the goal). This total includes \$35,000 designated from the Building Fund, \$29,000 in individual pledges, and \$215 from additional donations. The total amount given so far is \$43,715. \$35,785 in pledges or gifts is still needed to reach our goal. We must all prayerfully consider what God would have us give.

Please remember, this Sunday, October 2, pledge cards are due and an update to the parking lot campaign will be presented during Worship.

"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or out of compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." 2 Corinthians 9:6-8.

October Schedules

Infant Nursery

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| 2 | Jason and Cindy Parrish |
| 9 | Linda Roberts and Carolyn Stuart |
| 16 | Robbie and Kathy Wood |
| 23 | Lisa Nelms and Kristy Stephenson |
| 30 | Mary Langdon and Sandra Lordi |

Toddler Nursery

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| 2 | Christina Nelms |
| 9 | Jenni Dry and Joan Stuart |
| 16 | Andrea Jones |
| 23 | Chris Stephenson |
| 30 | Suzanne Wiley |

Ushers

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| 2 | Don Dupree and Ken Lordi |
| 9 | Dick Embrey, Hamilton Greene Jimmy Stuart and Russell Wood |
| 16 | Randy Benson and Richard Jones |
| 23 | Tony Bryant and Darren Stuart |
| 30 | Nathan Dry and John Kopanski |

Acolyte

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| 2 | Samuel Stephenson |
| 9 | Kendall Nelms |
| 16 | Haley Jones |
| 23 | Hannah Stephenson |
| 30 | Nathan Ingram |

Bell Ringer

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| 2 | Hannah Stephenson |
| 9 | Jane Pickens |
| 16 | Will Langdon |
| 23 | Lauren Langdon |
| 30 | Samuel Stephenson |

Children's Sermon

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| 2 | Lisa Nance |
| 9 | Lisa Nance |
| 16 | Carolyn Stevenson |
| 30 | Wendy Stephenson |

Children's Church

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| 2 | Richard and Sherry Rutherford |
| 9 | Kent and Gwen Walton |
| 16 | John and Beth Pickens |
| 23 | Carlos and Stephanie Bagley |
| 30 | Robbie and Kathy Wood |

Prayer List

Rose Blasgow, Ray and Velma Bost, Don Bullard, Vera Critcher, Lovie Dorman, Mabel Ennis, Crystal Hamilton, Mary Hart, Linda Hutchins, Chris Johnson, Gary King, Bobbie Langdon, Betty Lou Lee, Eloise McLeod, Sandra Rice, Alice Stephenson, Bobby Stone, Allison Tart, Stella Thigpen, Margaret Walton, and Jesse West. Also, the Long-Range Planning Committee, victims of recent hurricanes, and those serving in the Armed Forces.

October Birthdays

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| 3 | Elise Wiley |
| 4 | Allison Tart |
| 5 | Lisa Ruiz |
| 6 | Amanda McLamb |
| 7 | Joanna Wiley |
| 8 | Carolyn Johnson Jason Ruiz |
| 11 | Robbie Wood |
| 13 | Adam Stuart |
| 17 | Abigail Wood |
| 18 | Susan Scott Paul Sherrill |
| 19 | Jesse Nance Sherry Rutherford |
| 21 | Andrea Jones |
| 22 | Emily Langdon |
| 24 | Tricia Nance Clyde Wiley |
| 25 | Johnathan Reed |
| 30 | David Stevenson |

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

October Upcoming Events

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| 2 | World Communion Sunday during Worship at 11:00 a.m. |
| 2 | Confirmation Class from 12 noon – 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall |
| 2 | Pioneer Clubs at 5:00 p.m. Providence Youth (7 th – 12 th grade) meet at 6:00 p.m. in the manse |
| 9 | Providence Homecoming Service at 11:00 a.m. |
| 16 | Confirmation Class from 12 noon – 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall |
| 16 | Pioneer Clubs at 5:00 p.m. Providence Youth (7 th -12 th grade) meet. More details to come! |
| 18 | Presbyterian Women Daytime Circle meets at 10:00 a.m., and the Evening Circle meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall |
| 23 | Men's Fellowship Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall |
| 23 | Confirmation Class from 12 noon – 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall |
| 23 | Deadline for items to be given to DeEtta Wood for the November newsletter |
| 30 | Combined Adult Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m., with doughnuts and coffee being provided at 9:45 a.m. |
| 30 | Confirmation Class from 12 noon – 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall |