

PRESBYTERIANS AT THE CROSSROADS

Providence Presbyterian Church, Rev. Lisa Nance

October 2006



PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH

Over 30 members of our church headed to Fort Fisher a few weekends ago – for our first “annual” church retreat to the beach. We all arrived at various times on Friday, with the last of us getting there a little after 9:00 p.m. Our fearless leaders had pizza and snacks for us, but after a full day of work and a few hours of travel, many of us were exhausted. I’m not sure about everybody else, but at least the preacher’s family called it an early night!

But on Saturday, we woke up to a glorious day! We hit the beach, the aquarium, and the museums, went out on the boats, saw an alligator, got sand in our hair, and some of us even managed to get sunburned! The most important thing that we did though was fellowship with our Christian family. It was a day full of play and joy.

At the end of the day on Saturday, a few of us had to leave after supper, so we had our devotion time before we went out to dinner. As we gathered together, it seemed fitting to do a little more of what we had been doing all day – so we broke out the play dough! About 20 adults and 7 or so kids sat together, listening to hymns and

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SCRIPTURES FOR OCTOBER

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE</u>
Oct 1	World Communion Sunday - Psalm 130, I Corinthians 11:17-34
Oct 8	Homecoming Sunday - Rev. Clyde Wiley will share God’s Word with us!
Oct 15	The Book of Esther
Oct 22	To Be Announced
Oct 29	Rev. Lisa will be on vacation

HOMECOMING IS ALMOST HERE!

There is no other event in the life of our church quite like Homecoming! It is an opportunity to join together with our Christian family in a way that joyfully celebrates all it means to gather in the name of the Lord! We will have our traditional 11:00 Worship Service, with Rev. Clyde Wiley leading us in seeking God’s Word – and then we will gather around the tables under the tents and share in the feast of God’s people! Please bring your favorite dish to share with others and join us for this blessed event (and be sure to extend the invitation to any others who might enjoy being with us on that day)!

PRAYER GROUP

Our church has a history of good communication when it comes to getting the word out whenever a crisis arises among the members – information about hospitalizations, deaths and other major issues, is shared quickly and efficiently. However, we have recently begun having prayer requests cards available in the pew racks for individual prayer concerns – things that might not be on the magnitude of a death in the family, but still, a concern that warrants sharing. Many of these prayer requests are private and personal as well.



Therefore, the Session has recognized the need to create a prayer group – individuals who are interested in spending time each week in prayer for the concerns of our congregation. Any concerns that this group received would be confidential within the group – honoring the privacy of the ones who share their concerns.

If you would be interested in being a part of this group, please let Nancy Nelms or Rev. Lisa Nance know – we will be forming the group and putting together some guidelines in the next few weeks. We will be asking you to commit to receiving a list of concerns, then taking time each day to lift these people up to God in prayer. We won’t be meeting together – this will be something you will do on your own, as your own schedule permits. Rev. Lisa will send out the requests, either by email, phone or regular mail early each week.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE



On Sunday, September 24, we elected our Nominations Committee. This committee will be working over the next few weeks to prayerfully consider who will be asked to serve as elders for the class of 2009. This Nominations Committee has a powerful charge as they work to discern God’s will for our future.

A BIG THANK YOU!!!

We would like to say THANK YOU to Gary and Georgeanna Phillips for all the work that they put in to making our beach retreat a reality! The weekend was truly a blessing from God and a joy to experience – thank you Gary and Georgeanna!

playing with play dough. Other than a few talented artists in the group, most of us made balls, or squares...but we had a Lincoln Log style house and a green bowl/hat/pinch pot sorta thingy too!

The point of the devotion – and of the entire retreat – was to help us remember that God is not just a God who meets us in the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings – God is a God of life – the author of all good things. And as we played in His presence, it brought all of us a little closer to the glory of the Kingdom!

It is important to have days like that Saturday – may God bless us all with opportunities like that – changes to enjoy recreation – as He re-creates each one of us!

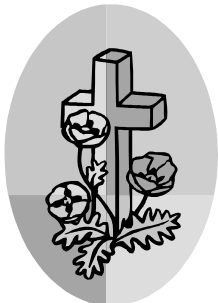
*In Christ,
Rev. Lisa Nance
Interim Minister*



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS

The Men's Fellowship will get-together on **Saturday, October 7** for a light breakfast and a time of clean-up around the church in preparation for Homecoming. This date is a change to the date mentioned in the previous newsletter. All men are asked to come and help with this project. If you have questions, please contact Kent Walton,

ALL SAINTS DAY REMEMBRANCE



On **Sunday, November 5**, our congregation will take a moment during the 11:00 Worship Service to light candles in memory of the saints who have passed away this year. At this point in time, our own congregation has not had a death this year, but our lives have certainly been touched by the passing of saints from our community, from our families, and from around the world. As you prepare your hearts for this service, we invite you to think of the saints in your own family who have gone on to the Church Triumphant this past year – and come forward to light a candle as we celebrate the life they shared with us.

Deep at the heart of
all our pain,
In loss as surely as in
gain,
His love abideth still.
Let come what will my
heart shall stand

PIONEER CLUBS AND YOUTH GROUP



Pioneer Clubs begins on **Sunday, October 1** at 5:00 p.m. Georgeanna Phillips and the Pioneer Clubs teachers have worked

hard to have the Bible Study and activities ready for the first night! All children ages 3 through grade 6 are invited and encouraged to come out and be a part of this exciting program!



All youth grades 7-12 will meet in conjunction with Pioneer Clubs, but will begin their meetings at 5:15 p.m. in the manse. Bob Dry and Mary Langdon will be heading up this youth

program and encourage all youth to come and be a part of this first meeting in order to plan for the upcoming year.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for all club members, youth, and their families. The next meeting will be on **Sunday, October 15** with the theme being *Western Night*. All club members are asked to wear their favorite western attire, and plan to enjoy a cowboy/cowgirl dinner and a hayride.

If you have any questions regarding Pioneer Clubs, please contact Georgeanna Phillips. If you have any questions regarding the Youth Group, please contact Bob Dry.

WEST JOHNSTON HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP DINNER



The West Johnston High School PTSA, Wildcat Club, and Band Parent Association will co-sponsor a BBQ dinner on Friday, October 13 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the WJHS Cafeteria. All proceeds will fund scholarships for WJHS students. The dinner will cost \$7.00 per plate and will include BBQ, boiled potatoes, cole slaw, hush puppies, and drink. The community is invited and encouraged to attend this special event. Tickets may be purchased in advance from PTSA, Wildcat Club, or Band Parent Association officers or at the door. If you need further information please contact Ann Benson.

at \$6.00 each. This fundraiser will be held in the Fellowship Hall at Providence. If you have questions or would like to purchase tickets, please contact **David Collier or Kay Dry**.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CHICKEN PASTRY SUPPER

On **Friday, October 27** the Presbyterian Women will have their annual Chicken Pastry supper to raise money to support their mission projects. This dinner will be from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan to come, bring a friend, and support the Presbyterian Women. Look for more information to come regarding this event, but if you have questions please contact Kay Dry or Carolyn Stevenson.

OCTOBER EVENTS AND SCHEDULES

INFANT NURSERY

- 1 Stephanie Bagley and Kathy Wood
- 8 Brenda Dupree and Carolyn Stevenson
- 15 Kay Dry and Mary Langdon
- 22 Lisa Nelms and Roxann Porter
- 29 Mary Langdon and Sandra Lordi

TODDLER NURSERY

- 1 Carlos Bagley and Andrea Jones
- 8 Jenni Dry and Elaine Wood
- 15 Johnathan and Amy Reed
- 22 Jason and Cindy Parrish
- 29 Suzanne Wiley and Jeffrey Wood

USHERS

- 1 John Pickens and Robbie Wood
- 8 Dick Embrey, Hamilton Greene,
Darren Stuart and Russell Wood
- 15 Gary Phillips and Atlee Roberts
- 22 Randy Benson and Ryan Nelms
- 29 Ken Lordi and Will Walls

ACOLYTE AND BELL RINGER

- 1 Kendall Nelms
- 8 Abigail Wood
- 22 Katie Rutherford
- 29 Nathan Ingram

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- 1 Richard and Sherry Rutherford
- 8 Kent and Gwen Walton
- 15 John and Beth Pickens
- 22 Carlos and Stephanie Bagley
- 29 Robbie and Kathy Wood

CHILDREN'S SERMON

- 1 Mark Nelms
- 15 Darren Stuart
- 29 Wendy Stephenson

PRAYER LIST

Jeff Anderson, Richie Andrews, Josephine Byrd, Carol Clifton, Will Duncan, Lovie Dorman, Gene Glasgow, Mary Hart, Lawrence Herron, Ricky Jackson, Chris Johnson, Lacy Johnson, Tim Lang, Betty Lou Lee, Carolyn Lewis, Carol Mayben, Laura McLamb, Lewis McLamb, Julia Nales, Jamie Pearce, Mike Sanchez, Harry and Betty Smith, Alice Stephenson, Mary Stephenson, and Ava Wood.



OCTOBER UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1 Children's Communion Introduction from 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 p.m.
- 1 World Communion Sunday at 11:00 a.m.
- 1 Pioneer Clubs at 5:00 p.m. and Youth Group at 5:30 p.m.
- 2 Pastor Nominating Committee meets at 7:00 p.m.
- 7 Men's Fellowship Breakfast and Church clean-up
- 8 Homecoming Sunday during Worship at 11:00 a.m., followed by dinner on the grounds
- 10 Stated Session Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- 15 Pioneer Clubs *Western Night* at 5:00 p.m. and Youth Group at 5:30 p.m.
- 17 Presbyterian Women Daytime Circle at 10:00 a.m. and the Evening Circle at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
- 26 Deadline for items to be given to DeEtta Wood for the September newsletter
- 29 Men's Fellowship Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
- 29 Coffee and Doughnuts at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, followed by Combined Adult Sunday School



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

♪♪♪ *Happy Birthday to...* ♪♪♪

- 3 Elise Wiley
- 4 Allison Tart
- 5 Lisa Ruiz
- 6 Amanda McLamb
- 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
Bud Schmidt
- 24 Tricia Nance
Clyde Wiley
- 25 Johnathan Reed
- 28 Joan Littleton
- 30 David Stevenson

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