

# PRESBYTERIANS AT THE CROSSROADS

Providence Presbyterian Church, Rev. Lisa Nance

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## PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH

Happy 2007 New Year!

A new calendar has begun. The old year is gone. It has passed away. The New Year has started fresh and unmarred.

What a powerful image. The old – the things that happened to us, the things that hurt us, the things that we survived, the things that we lived through during the past year – they have all passed away.

But does that mean that we are able to start this year with a clean slate? Does that mean that those things which did mar us over the past year are over and done with? Not usually. Usually, the decisions that we have made have far reaching implications – ones not ended by the turning of a page on a wall calendar.

Those implications sometimes seem obvious – if we decide to buy a new house, then we will have house payments. But sometimes the implications are more subtle – what will a new house do to the family dynamics? How will buying that house affect friendships that we have, the social activities we attend, the schools our children go to?

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## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Even through the holidays the Presbyterian Women have stayed busy, and are looking forward to an exciting 2007. All women are asked to come on **January 6**, to assist in taking down the Advent and Christmas decorations. If you are able to come, please bring any extra plastic grocery bags that you have to help in putting decorations away. The Presbyterian Women will resume their regularly scheduled meetings on **Tuesday, January 16** with the Daytime Circle meeting at 10:00 a.m. and the Evening Circle meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All women are invited to be a part of one of these circles! The Presbyterian Women would also like to thank Girl Scout Troop 578 for providing us with Nursery and Children's Church supplies, as well as the Christmas gifts that were given to those who attended the Senior Citizen's Luncheon on December 5. If you have questions regarding the Presbyterian Women, please contact Kay Dry or Carolyn Stevenson.

## PIONEER CLUBS

Pioneer Clubs is back in full swing beginning this **Sunday, January 7 at 5:00 p.m.** All club members are asked to be in attendance as we begin the last half of the Pioneer Clubs year. There are a lot of exciting things to learn and projects to complete as we wind down the year. Club members and their parents can plan to enjoy a delicious meal at **6:30 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. If you have questions regarding Pioneer Clubs, please contact Georgeanna Phillips



## YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group has also been busy this holiday season with a fun-filled trip to Mike's Farmhouse for dinner and a hayride, and a shopping trip to purchase gift cards for Barium Springs Home for Children. The Youth Group will have their next meeting on **Sunday, January 7 at 5:30 p.m.** in the Manse. All youth are asked to come and be a part of this meeting for Bible Study, activities, and to help in planning out activities and projects for the remainder of the year. If you have any questions regarding the Youth Group, please contact Bob Dry, Mary Langdon or Heath and Heather White.

## SCRIPTURES FOR JANUARY

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE</u>
January 7	Matthew 2:1-23
January 14	John 2:1-11
January 21	Luke 4:1-13
January 28	Luke 4:14-30



## CHURCH WEBSITE



The church website has been updated with schedules for 2007, as well as past bulletins, newsletters, and sermons. To access this and more information, please go to [www.providencepresb.org](http://www.providencepresb.org). If you have items that you would like to add to the website, please contact Dave Nelms at [dnelms@countrysoftware.com](mailto:dnelms@countrysoftware.com)

## SESSION COMMITTEE AND CONTACT CHANGES

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And when the decisions we make are about relationships, careers, parenting techniques, venting our anger, controlling our passions, taking better care of ourselves – the hard issues of life – the implications can be even more difficult to grasp. What far reaching affects does it have for us to raise our voice to another person? What far reaching affects does it have for us to choose to ignore our relationship vows and boundaries? What far reaching affects does it have for us to fail to take serious our health?

Letting those issues go unchecked or overlooked can seriously damage the ability to see life in a “new” way. Even a New Year doesn't seem bright and filled with possibilities when we are consumed by the affects of our past.

But into our hurting world, the expectation of Advent gave way to the joy of Christmas morning! The old wasn't suddenly destroyed. Evil still existed, pain still filled people's lives, tragedies still occurred – the implications of sin were rampant.

But, in the manger that first Christmas, the ending of the story was rewritten. Those things which seemed to hold the power over life and death, joy and despair, wholeness and pain – the power of those things was shattered.

Instead of crippling forces of the past controlling us – in the power of God, we can put those things behind us. Through confession and repentance, we can turn away from those things, seeking to do them no more – and turn toward God. For indeed, this is a new year – this is a new opportunity to seek the face of God in our lives. Let us rejoice that the power of the old to control our lives has been shattered and in its place is the power of the New Life in Jesus Christ our Lord!

Happy New Year!

In Christ,  
*Rev. Lisa Nance*

### CHURCH FLOWERS

The Church Flower contribution list for 2007 has been posted. The dates are filling up quickly, so if you would like to reserve a specific Sunday to place memorial or honorary flowers in the church, please mark the posted list and notify Beth Pickens at [bpickens@nc.rr.com](mailto:bpickens@nc.rr.com) or 639.5318. You may order your own flowers, but if you would like for Beth to order them, please contact her with any specific requests or questions.



### THANK YOU ALL!

My children and I would like to thank all of our family here at Providence for the wonderful Christmas gifts and the Christmas bonus. You are such a blessing to us – thank you for being part of our lives!

*Rev. Lisa Nance*

On Sunday, December 17, Providence installed three new elders to the Session for the Class of 2009. Those elders were John Kopanski, Steve Nordan, and Kent Walton. The congregation would like to thank the elders of the Class of 2006 for their time of faithful service to the Session and our Congregation: Nancy Nelms, Gary Phillips and Atlee Roberts. With these changes in leadership, there have been committee and responsibility reassignments. The Session Committee chairs are listed below:

**Christian Education:** *Charlie Porter and Kent Walton*

**Clerk:** *John Kopanski*

**Congregational Care:** *Nadine Reed*

**Fellowship:** *Nathan Dry*

**Property:** *Beck McLamb and Steve Nordan*

**Worship:** *Nadine Reed, Will Walls, and Elaine Wood*

As a reminder, other important contacts are listed below:

**Acolyte/Bell Ringer:** *Wendy Stephenson*

**Children's Church:** *Kay Dry*

**Men's Fellowship:** *Kent Walton*

**Nursery:** *Jenni Dry and DeEtta Wood*

**Pioneer Clubs:** *Georgeanna Phillips*

**Presbyterian Women:** *Kay Dry and Carolyn Stevenson*

**Sunday School Superintendent:** *Darren Stuart*

**Treasurer (Paying):** *Joan Littleton*

**Treasurer (Receiving):** *Mark and Pam Nelms*

**Youth Group:** *Bob Dry and Mary Langdon*

Anyone within the congregation who is interested in serving on or helping with a committee is asked to contact the appropriate Session member for that committee.

### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Men's Fellowship meets the last Sunday of each month at 7:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, unless otherwise noted. All men within the congregation are invited to come and be a part of these monthly meetings. Each meeting includes breakfast and Bible study. The schedule for providing breakfast each month is listed below. If you have conflict for the month that you are scheduled, please switch with someone else on the schedule and notify Kent Walton.

**January:** *Atlee Roberts*

**February:** *Jeffrey Wood and Johnny Wood*

**March:** *Nathan Dry and Dick Embrey*

**April:** *Kent Walton*

**May:** *Randy Benson and Jimmy Stuart*

**No meetings in June, July or August**

**September:** *Mark Nelms and Tom Nelms*

**October:** *John Pickens and Charlie Porter*

**November:** *Meet at Cracker Barrel*

**December:** *No Meeting*

If you have questions regarding Men's Fellowship, please contact Kent Walton.

# JANUARY EVENTS AND SCHEDULES

## INFANT NURSERY

- 7 Stephanie Bagley and Kathy Wood
- 14 Kay Dry and Pam Collier
- 21 Kelly Nordan and Carolyn Stuart
- 28 Crissy Porter and Joan Stuart

## TODDLER NURSERY

- 7 Carlos Bagley and Robbie Wood
- 14 Nell Franke and Jeffrey Wood
- 21 Sue Bryant and Roxann Porter
- 28 Darren Stuart and Elaine Wood



## USHERS

- 7 Dick Embrey and Russell Wood
- 14 Bob Dry and Heath White
- 21 Ronnie Creech and Don Dupree
- 28 Hamilton Greene and Johnathan Reed

## ACOLYTE/BELL RINGER

- 7 Lauren Collier
- 14 Joseph Phillips
- 21 Haley Jones
- 28 Abigail Wood



## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- 7 Kay Dry
- 14 Dave and Lisa Nelms
- 21 Richard and Andrea Jones
- 28 Gary and Georgeanna Phillips



## CHILDREN'S SERMON

- 7 Rev. Lisa Nance
- 14 Nancy Nelms
- 21 Wendy Stephenson
- 28 Darren Stuart

## PRAYER LIST

Jeff Anderson, Richie Andrews, Worth Bowman, Josephine Byrd, Carol Clifton, Kim Creech, Lovie Dorman, Gene Glasgow, Mary Hart, Lawrence Herron, Sheila Ivey, Ricky Jackson, Vernon Jackson, Chris Johnson, Lacy and Marilyn Johnson, Tim Lang, Betty Lou Lee, Carolyn Lewis, Carol Mayben, Lewis McLamb, Amanda Moore, Julia Nales, John O'Connell, Grover Osborne, Jenny Parsons, Jamie Pearce, Peyton Rodgers, Justina Rodriguez, Mike Sanchez, Harry and Betty Smith, Alice Stephenson, Mary Stephenson, and Suzanne Underwood.



## JANUARY UPCOMING EVENTS



- 1 New Year's Day!
- 3 Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.
- 6 Presbyterian Women to take down Advent and Christmas decorations
- 7 Pioneer Clubs at 5:00 p.m. and Youth Group at 5:30 p.m.
- 8 Pastor Nominating Committee meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- 9 Stated Session Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- 16 Presbyterian Women Daytime Circle at 10:00 a.m. and the Evening Circle at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
- 21 Pioneer Clubs at 5:00 p.m. and Youth Group at 5:30 p.m.
- 21 Deadline to give items to DeEtta Wood for the February newsletter
- 28 Men's Fellowship Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

♪♪♪ Happy Birthday to... ♪♪♪

- 7 Adam Ingram  
Shelton Langdon  
Wendy Stephenson
- 12 Joy Jones
- 14 Georgeanna Phillips
- 16 Nathan Ingram  
Melinda Kendall
- 18 Joey Porter  
Carolyn Stevenson
- 19 Justin Wood
- 20 Billy Barnhill
- 21 Chris Stephenson
- 22 Adam Shelp
- 23 Sallie Johnson
- 26 Laura Langdon  
Kathy Wood

## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Carlos and Stephanie Bagley
- 11 Atlee and Linda Roberts

