

PRESBYTERIANS AT THE CROSSROADS

Providence Presbyterian Church
January 2012



From the Pastor's Study...

Happy New Year!

As we enter 2012 together let us remember our Lord God has blessed us so many ways this past year. The new year of 2012 will offer us new opportunities in which we can serve, laugh, fellowship, love, worship, and minister to whom ever God places in our path. With a Capital Campaign before us there is much to do in the coming months. I am also excited about what God is doing through the many ministries and missions our church family is involved in.

Just a few weeks ago we celebrated Christmas and the season of Advent. We remembered the most precious gift any one has ever received and rejoiced in the understanding of how great God's love is for us. In light of this knowledge we ask ourselves such questions as: What have we done with this gift in our own lives? and What are we called to do with such a gift? Jesus compels us to share the good news of a messiah who came into this world in swaddling clothes lying in a manger. The love of God is revealed through God's grace understood and experienced.

As we go forth in the days and weeks to come I encourage us to pray for our church and its leadership so we might discern what God has in store for us in 2012. Please consider your own call to ministry in our church and in the world. May the Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift His countenance upon you, and give you peace. Glory to God in the highest, Amen.

Your brother in Christ,
Jim



January Scripture Passage

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Matthew 3:13-17

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Office phone number is 919.894.4063
Rev. Davis may also be reached at
919.264.4324(m).

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The Mission and Outreach have organized a Community Blood Drive for Friday, January 20 from 3:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside of the Pastor's Study. Please sign up, and encourage your friends and neighbors to do the same. If you have questions, please contact Beck McLamb or John Kopanski.

THANK YOU

To all the participants and directors for the Christmas program, the Youth Cantata and the Adult Choir Cantata. The congregation were all touched by the messages in each and the show of talent from everyone. It was truly in the "Spirit of Christmas" and to the "Glory of God".

Senior Citizen's Luncheon

The Community Senior Citizen's Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, January 10 at 12 noon at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Kay Dry by January 3.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN RETREAT

The Presbyterian Women are planning for their trip to Montreat, NC. This Women's Connection Conference is scheduled for Tuesday, May 29 - Friday, June 1. All women within the congregation are invited to be a part of this retreat. A \$180 deposit is due to Janice Parrish by Sunday, January 15 if you plan to attend. The remaining balance of \$180 will be due in April. If you have questions about this trip, please contact Janice Parrish.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Providence Presbyterian Session met December 12, 2011 for their monthly stated session meeting. Thank you to Rev. Davis (Pastor), to Brittany Jones (Music Director), to Jamone Johnson (Church Custodian), to Ann Stephenson (Organist) and to DeEtta Wood (Church Secretary and Pianist) for all their hard work this past year.

It's not too late to buy a 2012 calendar and/or notepad from the youth. Youth apparel is also for sale. The youth use the money they raise through fundraisers for mission trips and for giving (such as to Barium Springs and the Angel Tree Christmas project). In fact, a youth mission trip is planned for January 20-22 to Boone, NC.

Thank you to Gary Phillips, Carolyn Stevenson and Johnny Wood, Elders Class of 2011 for all their hard work the past 3 years. And we look forward to working with Nathan Dry, Wayne Lamm, and again Gary Phillips, Elders Class of 2014.

Rev. Davis will be attending a Fellowship-PCUSA meeting in Orlando, Florida January 18-20 (to be out of town January 17-21).

The next stated session meeting is scheduled for Monday January 9, 2012. The next scheduled stated New Hope Presbytery meeting is scheduled for Saturday February 18, 2012 at Wake Forest Presbyterian Church. Happy New Year to all!

In Christ's love,
Laura McLamb
Clerk of Session

♪♪♪ *Happy Birthday to...* ♪♪♪

January Birthdays

- 2 Samantha Nordan
- 7 Adam Ingram, Shelton Langdon and Wendy Stephenson
- 11 Matthew Dupree
- 12 Coby Frampton and Joy Jones
- 14 Georgeanna Phillips
- 16 Caroline Frampton, Nathan Ingram and Melinda Kendall
- 18 Joey Porter and Carolyn Stevenson
- 19 Justin Wood
- 20 Billy Barnhill
- 21 Chris Stephenson
- 22 Joe Rudd
- 24 HenriAnna Joyner
- 26 Laura Langdon and Kathy Wood

January Anniversaries

- 3 Carlos and Stephanie Bagley
- 11 Atlee and Linda Roberts
- 16 Rick and Margie Taylor

2012 Altar Flowers

The sign-up sheet for altar flower placement for 2012 is posted. Anyone wishing to have for honorariums or memorial flowers, are urged to sign up and to "save the date".

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the families of

Clarence Jones, *member of community and*
Ian Patton, *relative of Lisa Nelms*

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN FUNDRAISER

The Presbyterian Women will host their annual Chicken Pastry/Silent Auction fundraiser on Friday, January 27 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall (Eat in/Take Out). All proceeds will go to the Capital Campaign Fund. The cost is \$7 per person, and plates will include chicken pastry, yams, green beans, rolls, tea/coffee, and dessert. If you have items that you would like to donate to the Silent Auction, please contact Brenda Byrd. Please encourage your family, friends and neighbors to come out and be a part of this evening of fun and fellowship! If you have questions about this event, or would like to help in any way, please contact Lisa Nelms.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP TIME

A new sign-up sheet has been posted in the Fellowship Hall for hosting the Fellowship Time between Sunday School and Church. Please take a look at the schedule and sign up for a Sunday to host!

YOUTH NEWS

The Pioneer Clubs and Youth Group will resume their regular meetings on Sunday, January 15 at 5:00 p.m. Pioneer Clubs and Youth Group meet on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. For questions regarding Pioneer Clubs, please contact Brandy Joyner, and for questions regarding Youth Group, please contact Gary Phillips.

Prayer List of Joys and Concerns

JOYS:

Joy to the World! The Lord is come!

CONCERNS:

Bill Ellis, *Georgeanna Phillips' father, recovering from a stroke*
Evan Pereira, *6-year old son of a friend of Kim Byrd, inpatient for high fever*
Bud Schmidt, *member of church family, at WakeMed*
Doris and Ann Yelvington, *relatives of Carolyn Stevenson, health concerns*

Members of the Providence Family in Long-Term Care or Shut-In:

Brack Johnson *at Classic Care Assisted Living in Smithfield*, **Lacy & Marilyn Johnson** *at Barbour Court Nursing & Rehab in Smithfield*, **Pauline Jones** *at Liberty Commons in Benson*, **Bobbie Langdon** *at Highland Commons in Cary*, **Bud and Frances Schmidt**, *at home*, and **Ann Woodall** *at home*


Our Nation's Leaders and All Persons Serving in the Armed Forces, including: **Drew Boyd**, **Joseph Dalton**, **Christina Davison**, **Dominic Dias**, **Peter Richardson**, and **Robert Wolak**, *all serving in Afghanistan.*

All Persons Living with Cancer, including: **Lori Barefoot**, *Dick and Pat Embrey's daughter*, **Lynne Barlow**, *friend of Carolyn Stevenson*, **Linwood Cobb**, *member of community*, **Richard Coman**, *friend of Stephanie Bagley*, **Phyllis Duncan**, *friend of Janice Parrish*, **Ricky Ennis**, *member of community*, **Sherry Hemingway**, *friend of Wendy Stephenson*, **David Henderson**, *friend of Mark Nelms*, **Roy Johnson**, *friend of Sue Bryant*, **Linda Ketner**, *friend of Bob Reed*, **David Kopanski**, *John Kopanski's brother*, **Melvin Langdon**, *member of church family*, **Mike Lusky**, *friend of Sue Bryant*, **Carol Mayben**, *Sandy Kopanski's sister-in-law*, **Meloney Mills**, *Kelly Nordan's cousin*, **Barbara Owens**, *friend of Laura Langdon*, **Brenda Pacheco**, *friend of Ken & Sandra Lordi*, **Tammy Paige**, *friend of Georgeanna Phillips*, **Jackie Parker**, *friend of Amy Reed*, **Carol Pigott**, *friend of Allison Tart*, **Bobby Poole**, *friend of Peggy Jones*, **Joey Porter**, *member of church family*, **Sherry Pourron**, *Kelly Nordan's cousin*, **Donald Shumaker**, *Brittany Jones' grandfather*, **Barbara Smith**, *Paul Sherrill's sister*, **Crystal Stotter**, *friend of Sandy Kopanski*, **Rob Viscosi**, *friend of Charlie Porter*, **Bunny Walker**, *Andrea Jones' aunt*, **Angie Wheelless**, *member of community*, and **Kay Williams**, *friend of Sandy Kopanski.*

Other Persons with Ongoing Health Concerns, including: **Elaine Andrews**, *Andrea Jones' mother*, **Don Bridges**, *friend of Brenda Byrd*, **Donna Eicher**, *friend of Georgeanna Phillips*, **Ed Fontana**, *Mary Langdon's father*, **Charlotte Howell**, *friend of Atlee Roberts*, **Fred Ipock**, *Cathy Creech's father*, **Norbert Kopanski**, *John Kopanski's father*, **Melinda Kendall**, *member of church family*, **J.B. and Colleen Lange**, *Sandra Lordi's parents*, **Wanza Mayben**, *Sandy Kopanski's mother*, **Norma Parsons**, *member of church family*, **Bobbie Powell**, *Brandy Joyner's mother*, **Faye Roberts**, *Chris Roberts' mother*, **George Roberts**, *friend of Eunice Newnam*, **Peyton Rodgers**, *Andrea Jones' niece*, **Gary Schmidt**, *Kim Schmidt's brother*, **Pete and Brenda Skinner**, *friends of Sue Bryant*, **Vaughn Stephenson**, *member of community*, **Edward Strickland**, *friend of Lisa Nelms*, **Eva Lee Taylor**, *Rick Taylor's mom*, **Willistine Tyrance**, *friend of Kent Walton*, and **Billie Wright**, *Chris Nooney's mother*

JANUARY EVENTS AND SCHEDULES

NURSERY

- 1 Lauren Collier, Christina Jones
and Kendall Nelms
8 Darren, Joan and Ashton Stuart
15 Andrea Jones, Laura Langdon,
and Lisa Weatherly 
22 Sue Bryant, Beth and Jane Pickens
29 Candace Creech, Chris and Kristy Stephenson

USHERS

- 1 Jimmy Stuart and Russell Wood
8 David Collier and Gary Phillips
15 Hamilton Greene and Wayne Lamm
22 Jonathan Breeden and Brent Frampton
29 Charlie Porter and Atlee Roberts

ACOLYTE

- 1 Lily Martin
8 Emma Phillips
15 Connor Reed
22 Silas Porter
29 Haleigh Weaver



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- 1 Sam and Wendy Stephenson
8 Heath and Heather White
15 Israel and Karen Morrow
22 Robert and Brandy Joyner
29 Chris and Kristy Stephenson



January Upcoming Events

- 1 Happy New Year! Installation of Elders
during Worship
3 Prayer Shawl Project at 10:00 a.m.
4 Worship Committee meeting at 6:15 p.m.;
Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.
9 Stated Session Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
10 Community Senior Citizen's Luncheon at
12 noon at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church
11 Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.
15 Pioneer Clubs and Youth Group at
5:00 p.m.
17 Presbyterian Women Circle meetings at
10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.
18 Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.
20 Community Blood Drive from 3:00 p.m. -
7:30 p.m.
25 Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.
27 Presbyterian Women Chicken
Pastry/Silent Auction Fundraiser from
4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.