



Providence Presbyterian Church

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Tammy Bassett
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Terry Williams
Music Director

Patti Anderson
Pianist

Activities at Providence

Sunday

9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship
12:15 Fellowship Lunch (2nd wk)

Tuesday

6:30 Women's Ministries (1st wk)

Wednesday

7:00 Family Prayer
7:30 Choir Rehearsal

Providence Profiles



July 2018

Lord may our land be bright with freedom's holy light; protect us by Thy might, Great God our King!

Family Picnic
July 8th
3 - 7 pm
Fried Chicken
and lotsa fixin's!
Martha Rivers Park



Fellowship



Food & Fun!!!

Fried chicken will be provided. Each family is to bring a fixin' to share and drinks for your family. We will have a covered pavilion with several tables. You may want to bring your own lawn chair and any lawn games. We will be close to the playground. All paper products will be provided by the church. Join in the fun!

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"Serving Christ" in July

Ushers - Lead Usher: Lawrence Thompson

- 1 Jim Dotson
- 8 Ron France
- 15 Lyle Branagan
- 22 Wes Marquand
- 29 JD Elmore

Elder Worship Leader

- 1 Ron France
- 8 Harper Price
- 15 Lyle Branagan
- 22 Terry Williams
- 29 Wes Marquand

Nursery

- 1 Jackie France
- 8 Karen Branagan
- 15 Tammy Bassett
- 22 Lynn Lopez
- 29 Courtney Price

Transportation for Carol Lewis

- 1 Wes Marquand
- 8 Harper Price
- 15 Bob Bassett
- 22 Terry Williams
- 29 Wes Marquand

Thank you for your willingness to serve.

Fellowship lunch this month will be our family picnic on July 8th at Martha River's Park at 3:00 pm.


Happy Birthday!



- 2 Pat Lucy
- 6 Lyle Branagan
- 12 Patti Anderson
- 13 Gene Anderson
- 26 Pat Ford
- 27 Bryson Bassett
- 27 Elvira Lampa
- 30 Aubrey France

Happy Anniversary!

- July 9 Kevin & Christian Haskins
- July 19 Mike & Mica Golubski
- July 28 Gene & Patti Anderson

 May 2018			
	May '18	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
INCOME:			
Tithes & Offerings	\$ 5,497	\$48,470	\$45,396
EXPENSES:			
Benevolent Gifts	\$ 647	\$ 2,113	\$ 1,958
Ministry & Worship	5,169	27,030	27,458
Christian Education	(4)	50	167
Administration	756	3,685	4,208
Building & Grounds	1,908	11,449	11,625
Fellowship	0	49	63
Total Expenses	\$ 8,484	\$44,376	\$45,479

\$2,100 is needed weekly to meet our 2018 budget.

Providence Prayer Corner**Providence Members/Regular Visitors***Praise God!****Ron France*** – after 18 months, he is employed! Started a new job in Gastonia!**Claire Hoogmoed*** – great to have her worshipping with us again!**Carol Lewis*** – had endoscopy due to trouble swallowing, all went well!**New Requests/Updates****Bob Bassett*** – had MRI, disc is gone, excess bone growth, neurosurgeon is required to send him to 2-3 physical therapy sessions, then surgery will be scheduled, surgery has an 80% success rate! Also, pray for several car repairs, on both cars.**Rick & Kim Branagan*** – moving into their new home in Washington, DC, pray the transition goes well**Calvin* & Family** – strengthening of family unity**Donna** (friend of Lawrence Thompson) in need of prayer**Pat Ford*** – surgery scheduled for July 10 for kidney stones**Jackie France*** – lost her job after 20 years, thankful God has given her peace in the situation and looking forward to the summer**Johnnie Holland** (friend of Lawrence Thompson) pancreatic cancer, had surgery but was unable to remove the mass, recent stroke, unable to speak**Rhanda Lewis** (Carol's daughter) back home in her sister-in-law's care**Lynn & Gustavo Lopez*** – proceeding along with the final steps to become licensed foster parents, a possible adoption opportunity has come, pray!**Family of Awilda Stowe** (Tim's mother) recently passed away at the age of 92**Mike Muterspaw*** – weak, pray for strength and healing**Joyce Swanson** (friend of Tammy Bassett) recovering well from surgery, began chemo (2-4 months), will come off feeding tube on July 20, good positive attitude!**Sandra Williams** (Terry's wife) surgery scheduled for July 13, won't have to do open heart surgery! Praise God! Pray for daily strength and healing**Ongoing Prayer Requests****Paul Allen** (Carol Lewis' brother) auto accident, in a coma, broken arm and leg**Anderson Family*** – healing of broken family relationships**Sheyne Benedict** (Patti Anderson's cousin) breast cancer, having chemo treatments**Andrew Brunson** – missionary with World Witness, unjustly imprisoned in Turkey because of his faith, remember his wife Norine and family as well**Kent Bryant** (missionary) more cancer found, having infusion treatments**Teresa Coleman*** – strength & endurance in Christ as she struggles with her health**Tammy Field** (Lawrence's daughter) neuropathy is getting more severe, she is now unable to work due to the pain**Mary Ida Harper** (Harper's grandmother) healing from a broken foot**Kevin Haskins** – deployed through August, pray for Christian and Tyler**Pat Lucy*** – doing well in Lake Wylie, pray for daily strength and healing**Michelle Marquand*** – having pain in neck, pray for pain relief and healing**Rev. Jim Mitchell & Family** (pastor in Tryon, NC) lost their home due to a mud slide, will be moving to Gastonia where they have a place to stay temporarily**Charles Norman** – cancer, under Hospice care, pray for his daughter Angel as well

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The Women's Ministries will not be meeting this month. Although in June, we hosted a bridal shower for the upcoming bride, Erin France. Thank you to those who were able to attend and provide food. Keep Jonathan and Erin in prayer as they will be wed later this month! Also, remember Michael and Rachel as well, as they will also be getting married this month!

In Memory of our friends that have recently lost one of their parents, the Women's Ministries have made a donation to Crowders Creek ARP In Honor of Tim Stowe and In Memory of his mother. Also to the Gaston Symphonic Band, In Honor of Wes Marquand and In Memory of his father. Your families are in our prayers.

We will be assisting the elders in pulling together our picnic on the 8th, hope everyone can attend and pray it won't be too hot!

Our plans at this time are to get back to our meetings in early September. We have to start planning a baby shower for the mommy-to-be, Courtney! So exciting! In the Fall our annual Presbyterial Meeting will be coming up as well. Don't have details on that as of yet. Have a blessed month!

Tammy Bassett, WM President



Our Christian sympathy and love is expressed to Tim Stowe and his family on the recent death of his mother, Awilda Stowe, she was 92. Remember the Stowe Family in prayer.

**What's your talent?**

The choir is taking their summer break and we would like to have some of YOU share your talents with US during the worship service! Talk to Terry if you would like to share!



Singing a Song



From the Pastor . . .

Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. 1 Peter 2:16

For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Galatians 5:13-14

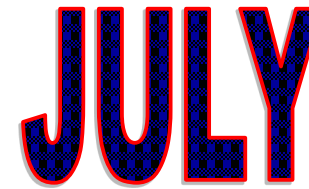
But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. Romans 6:17-18

As Americans, if people were asked to sum up the 4th of July in one word, I believe most would choose the word 'freedom'. Being set free from the bondage of unjust British rule. And that's correct! But it's only partially correct. The 4th of July isn't just about being set free *from* tyranny, it's also equally about being free *to live according to* the 'Laws of Nature and Nature's God'. That's why our famous document doesn't just talk about our having God-given life and liberty, but also the pursuit of happiness: that is, the ability to live according to God's design. That is why the 4th of July should not only be a celebration of freedom from Britain, but a celebration the citizenship we have in these United States.

Similarly, I believe if people were asked to sum up Christianity in one word, they would choose 'freedom' as well. By the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, we have freedom from the bondage of sin, condemnation, and hell. But that too, is only partially correct. Christians have not only been saved *from* sin, but saved *to actively live for* God. This is the point the Apostle Peter makes in his first epistle, when he commands Christians to live in the freedom they have received in Christ. A freedom which has a purpose: to live as servants of God. That's the point the Apostle Paul makes in his letter to the church in Galatia, when he reminds them that the purpose of their salvation - their freedom from sin - is not to further live in sin, but to love and serve God, by loving and serving one another. And that is why Paul could even tell the church in Rome, that - while they are no longer slaves to sin - they were slaves to righteousness.

The point is this: freedom *from one thing*, always leads to freedom *to something else*. If you are a citizen of the United States, then you have been set free from other nations and their rule, to live as a good citizen in this nation under its rule. And if you are a Christian, then you have been set free from sin and its dominion, in order to live under the authority and dominion of God. Do you? Who and what you serve will reveal it. I pray that all of us would reveal, by our lives, that our freedom is now and forever in Christ.

In His Care,
Harper



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:45 SS 11:00 Worship	2	3	4 7 pm Family Prayer	5 6 pm Heart & Home w/Lyle	6	7
8 3 - 7 pm Church Picnic	9	10 7:30 pm Session Meeting	11 7 pm Family Prayer	12	13	14
July 8 - 13 Music Conference at Bonclarken - Concert on July 13 at 7 pm						
15 6 pm Heart & Home w/Harper	16	17 First Presby. Mtg @ Back Creek	18 7 pm Family Prayer	19	20	21 Branagan Wedding 
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July 23 - 26 Family Bible Conference at Bonclarken						
29 Newell Wedding 	30	31	 God Bless America Land that I love...			