



Dear Friends...

I want you to know about a project our church is involved in at Northside Middle School and how each of our members can participate. It began when the principal at the school, Lisa Davis, began her work there and became aware of the needs of some of the kids that the district was not able to meet. The school provides equally for the basic educational and social needs of all the children who attend school there. They have some control over that environment. What they do not have control over is the home environment the children leave each week day when they come to school, which has a great effect on how well they do during their school day. Principal Davis was aware that that there is a substantial faith community around the school, and reached out to the leaders of the churches for help. What grew out of this is an organization called Friends of Northside, and Providence is part of it.

Principal Davis' first concern was with the children who come from low income homes. The school provides breakfast and lunch for all the children, and those who qualify can have those meals at no cost or reduced cost. But some of those children go home to a place where there may be no food for the weekend. The problem is worse in the summer when school is not in session and cannot provide the breakfast and lunch available when school is in session. We responded by doing two things. Principal Davis decided to open the school gym each day for a couple of hours during summer vacation. This gave the children a place to go for supervised play where it is cool on hot summer days. Friends of Northside churches each volunteered to take a month providing non-perishable food for the children who the

principal identified as those needing it for the weekend during the school year, and for a full week during the summer. February is our month and we ask you to respond as generously as you always do with juice boxes, food bars, open and eat mac and cheese, etc. The collection box is opposite the CDC office.

The other project Friends of Northside is doing is so simple and so needed. Basic to the children's experience at school is paper and pencils. Principal Davis noticed that there were some children each day who were without either or both of these things. Whether the parents couldn't afford them or Mom didn't have time to stop at the store and buy them or the kids just forgot didn't matter ... the kids didn't have them and they needed them to do their school work. The principal was determined that the lack of these two basics would not keep a child from learning, so she began putting paper and pencils around the school for the children to have and use. Even though paper and pencils are cheap there is no school budget for this, so we agreed to help. When you go to the store and pass the school supply section, pick up a box of #2 pencils and a package of college ruled loose leaf filler paper. Bring them to church and put them in the same box as the food. We'll get them to the school.

The ministry of the Church of Jesus Christ is often complex and expensive. It often reaches to distant lands. How refreshing it is when it is close and simple and touches the children.

Blessings,

Mike

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mike".

Special Thanks

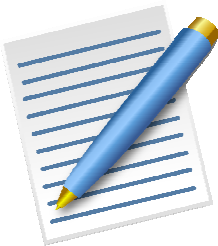
We are so thankful for our church family. We want to let everyone know how much we appreciate all the love and support shown to our son, Jimmy, during the recent loss of his wife. The prayers, cards, emails, and donations meant so much. Jimmy was overwhelmed that people who don't even know him reached out to him. Please continue to keep Jimmy and Aryanna in your prayers as they pick up the pieces and rebuild their lives. And please keep Crystal's mother, Diane Aleshire, in your prayers as well. She was widowed when Crystal was just a little girl, and now she has lost her only child.

God bless you all,

Kathy and Tim Hawks

Friends of Northside

Snack donations are needed through the month of **February** for the Friends of Northside food drive. We are also collecting pencils and loose leaf notebook paper as well.



Stewardship Moment

Stewardship Moment— by Alice Wyatt, Sept. 2007. Revisited and revised Feb. 2017

Stewardship takes many forms in different churches. Many highlight one Sunday every year as Stewardship Sunday while others focus on year round giving. There are many opportunities to give within the church throughout the year. What makes a healthy stewardship program is knowing “the why, the how and the when” of giving.

The why: Everything a person does, once they confess that Jesus Christ is their Lord and Savior, is stewardship. It involves what we believe about our possessions and what we do with them and what we believe about life and how we live.

The how: People give in different ways and in different amounts. People give not according to their ability but according to their understanding of the needs. When a person discovers gratitude as a motive for giving, then heart and mind work together to develop good stewardship habits. Just as we learn how to pray by praying, we learn how to give by giving.

The when: All too frequently churches have been taught and they believe that stewardship is something done for a few days each November to meet the budget needs of the church and then forgotten until November the next year. A healthy church emphasizes stewardship every single day.

So we ask that you take a moment and examine your commitment . Are you up to date? At this writing we are over \$3,000 short of the amount needed to meet our budget obligations. And as Alice stated before, “whatever you decide to give, give it joyfully and in gratitude for God’s love for you.”

Music Notes

Please accept my deepest thanks for your participation in Bethany's Gift for 2016. As many of you know, Providence began receiving Bethany's Gift on Christmas Eve of 2009. Our daughter, Bethany, joined the Church Triumphant in October, 2008. She was sixteen years old. In 2009, Marty and I met, gratefully, with Dr. Mike, Cathy Monetti, and Teresa Coles to discuss a possible offering in Bethany's memory. Having had quite a lot of experience with short- and long-term hospital stays in the past, my family and I know that there is a very real need among families who find themselves in the position of having a child in a Pediatric Intensive Care Unit. Thank you for your understanding of that situation and for your help. Your contributions make possible a generous gift from Providence to the PICU fund of Palmetto Health Children's Hospital. (Church of the Good Shepherd, my family Parish, also receives Bethany's Gift on a designated Sunday following the Advent/Christmas season.) The letter we receive from Palmetto Health Foundation states the following:

"Every day, Children's Hospital admits seriously ill children for treatment. These children suffer from many illnesses including cancer, heart defects or injuries from accidents that cause terrible suffering and fear. Contributions help create and enhance many programs and services that will provide comfort and hope to these children and their families."

This past Christmas Day would have been Bethany's twenty-fifth birthday. Thank you so much for honoring her life and memory with your loving gifts and with this ministry to families of seriously ill children in our area.

"I thank God upon every remembrance of you." -Philippians 1:3

Love,

Donna

Fun-Filled February



January 10th was the 100th Day Celebration!

The children had a great time bringing in 100 special items from home. The 3's/4's and 4's class all got to eat some yummy 100th Day cake.

We have had some pretty artic temperatures, and we FINALLY had some snow. The 3's/4's class had a fun time having a pretend snow ball fight indoors with cotton balls. They all had "SNOW" much fun!



Thanks to all who contributed to "Fill the Ark" fundraiser! The CDC raised \$138.66 What a great way to share God's love and spread His Word to others!

Upcoming Events:

February 14: Valentines Day

February 28: 5:30 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper & Silent Auction

Please continue to pray for this outreach ministry of Providence Presbyterian Church.

Presbyterian Women News

Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team will meet **on February, 12 at 12:00pm.**

Circle 1 will meet on **Tuesday, February 14** at 11:00 am at the Presbyterian Communities.

Circle 2 will meet on **Thursday, February 9** at 6:30 pm at the home of Teresa Coles.

Circle 3 will meet on **Wednesday, February 15** at 6:30 pm.

Circle 4 will meet on **Monday, February 13** at 6:00 pm at the church.

Men of the Church

As a reminder to the men of Providence, **Men's Prayer breakfast** is every **Tuesday morning at 7:00 am** at Providence in the Fellowship Hall.

If you are not an early bird, you can also attend the **MOC** on the **second Monday of every month**. Our next meeting will be **February 13 at 6:30 pm.**

Chefs for the month of **February** are Bill Coleman and Andy Wactor.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Book Bearer</i>	<i>Acolyte</i>
02/05	Knox Robinson	Laken Robinson
02/12	David Lyell	Morgan Swygert
02/19	Arwyn Simmons	Jon Simmons
02/26	Colby Carter	Hunter Helms
03/05	Baker Moore	Wyatt Robinson
03/12	Caroline Cantrell	Christopher Bragan
03/19	Fletcher Scarborough	Duncan Scarobrough
03/26	Avery McCree	Virginia Johnson
04/02	Knox Robinson	Morgan Swygert
04/09	Maddox Ashley	Laken Robinson
04/16	Colby Carter	Jon Simmons
04/23	Arwyn Simmons	Julian Coles
04/30	Avery McCree	Jon Simmons

!!!Volunteers Needed!!!

We are in need of new volunteers for **Sunday School/Worship Nursery**, if you are interested please contact Emily at **emilys4ppy@hotmail.com**

Nursery Schedule

The Worship Toddlers has been combined with Worship Nursery.

We could use more volunteers. Please contact Emily or the church office if you would like to help.

Please review as your dates may have changed. If you have questions about the schedule, please contact Emily Mooneyhan or call the church office at 794-6766.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Sunday School Nursery</i>	<i>Worship Nursery & Toddlers & Worship Toddlers</i>	<i>Jr. Church</i>
02/05	Lauren Finnegan	Lauren Finnegan	Anne Marie Ashley
02/12	Kathy Hawks	Kathy Hawks	Dave McCree
02/19	Maria Patton	Maria Patton	Emily Mooneyhan
02/26	Volunteer	Volunteer	Tim Monetti
03/05	Lauren Finnegan	Lauren Finnegan	Rosie Robinson
03/12	Sandra Simpson	Sandra Simpson	Sheri Gordon
03/19	Kathy Hawks	Kathy Hawks	Sarah Scarborough
03/26	Lauren Finnegan	Lauren Finnegan	Emily Mooneyhan
04/02	Maria Patton	Maria Patton	Anne Marie Ashley
04/09	Lauren Finnegan	Lauren Finnegan	Tim Monetti
04/16	Lauren Finnegan	Lauren Finnegan	Rosie Robinson
04/23	Sandra Simpson	Sandra Simpson	Sheri Gordon
04/30	Kathy Hawks	Kathy Hawks	Dave McCree

Worship Schedules

Our ushers continue to do an excellent job, and we want to express our appreciation for their dedicated service. If you would like to become part of this ministry, you may call the church office (794-6766) or contact Emily Mooneyhan. Listed below are our schedules for the next 3 months. If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please make arrangements with someone on the list to substitute for you.

Elder Readers

02/05 Violet Hane
02/12 Anne Marie Ashely
02/19 Roy Rushing
02/26 Caralytta Hawks

03/05 Michael Scarborough
03/12 Mike Simmons
03/19 Kim Simmons
03/26 Dave McCree

04/02 Dottie Foreman
04/09 George Hayes
04/16 Judy Clas
04/23 Nancy Pilat Renner
04/30 Simons Hane

Worship Directors

02/05 Nancy Pilat Renner
02/12 Volunteer
02/19 Laurie White
02/26 Dottie Foreman

03/05 Kim Simmons
03/12 Lauren Finnegan
03/19 Judy Clas
03/26 Anne Marie Ashley

04/02 George Hayes
04/09 Eddie Enfinger
04/16 Violet Hane
04/23 Laurie White
04/30 Kim Simmons

Usher / Communion

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Stoney Patton, Kim Simmons, Eddie Enfinger,
George Hayes

EXTRA COMMUNION ELDERS:

02/19 Roy Rushing, Nancy Pilat Renner
02/26 Roy Rushing, Nancy Pilat Renner

MARCH 2017

Mike Simmons, Tim Hawks, Laurie White, Roy
Rushing

EXTRA COMMUNION ELDERS:

03/12 Lauren Finnegan, Roy Turner

APRIL 2017

Laurie White, Nancy Pilat Renner, Emily
Mooneyhan, Anne Marie Ashley

EXTRA COMMUNION ELDERS:

04/09 Michael Scarborough, George
Hayes
04/16 Michael Scarborough, George
Hayes

*No Special Offerings
for February*

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<p>5 Chili Cook Off Send a kid to camp fundraiser</p>			<p>1 Chancel Choir 6:15 pm</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 <i>Jon Simmons</i></p>	<p>4</p>
<p>12 PW Coordinating Meeting- 12:00 PM</p>	<p>6 Men of the Church 6:30 pm Circle 4 - 6:00 pm <i>Linda Thompson</i></p>	<p>7 Men's Prayer Breakfast - 7:00 am <i>Alice Wyatt</i></p>	<p>8 Chancel Choir 6:15 pm</p>	<p>9 Circle 2 - 6:30 pm</p>	<p>10 <i>Nellie Lee Rutland</i></p>	<p>11</p>
<p>19 Communion Committees/ Session meetings</p>	<p>13 Men of the Church 6:30 pm Circle 4 - 6:00 pm <i>Linda Thompson</i></p>	<p>14 Men's Prayer Breakfast - 7:00 am Circle 1 - 11:00 am</p>	<p>15 Chancel Choir 6:15 pm Circle 3 - 6:30 pm</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 <i>Rory Carlisle</i> <i>Willard Ray Renner III</i> <i>Jean Rushing</i></p>
<p>26 Communion</p>	<p>20 <i>Maria Patton</i></p>	<p>21 Men's Prayer Breakfast - 7:00 am <i>Joan Bullock</i> <i>Brian Davison</i></p>	<p>22 Chancel Choir 6:15 pm</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 <i>Judy Clas</i></p>
<p>26 Communion</p>	<p>27 <i>Tim Hawks</i></p>	<p>28 Men's Prayer Breakfast - 7:00 am Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper & Silent Auction 5:30 pm</p>				<p>February</p>

Church Family Prayer Requests

We encourage you to remember them in your prayers. If you know of any sickness or concerns, please call the church office at 794-6766.

Our Members

Don Morris	Caroline Patton	Betty White
Doris Simmons	Veneta Renner	Mary Wood
Carolyn Kay	Bucky Masters	Margaret Lankford
Jean Rushing	Susan Hicks	Shirley VanKley
Al Montgomery	Tom Wyatt	Maria Patton
Kathy Hawks	Faye Daniel	Frances Julian
Ralph Barton	Bob & Carmen Dennis-	Gail Pukl
Jeanette Bragan	Leigh	Dot Wilson
Judy & George Thrana	Graham White	Betty Jackson

Our Family and Friends

Carmen Alvarez (<i>Pilat-Renner</i>)	Ken Akin (<i>Wyatt</i>)
Terry Rushing (<i>Rushing</i>)	Janet Vehorn
Chris Wolfe (<i>Wyatt</i>)	Jaxson (<i>Roy & Jean Rushing</i>)
Doris Wheeler (<i>Morris</i>)	Landon Derrick (<i>Donna Martin</i>)
Dianne Connell	Frankie & Sonia Riley (<i>Enfinger</i>)
Erika Browning (<i>Woods</i>)	Megan Sease (<i>Donna Martin</i>)
Dan Miranda (<i>Curry</i>)	Terri Barton (<i>Barton</i>)
Chris	Joyce Kistler (<i>Montgomery</i>)
Ken Martin (<i>White</i>)	Callie Simpson (<i>Sandra Simpson</i>)
Rebekah James (<i>Mcleod</i>)	Chuck Curry
Roddy Bowman (<i>Pilat-Renner</i>)	Brian Fallaw (<i>Lindsey Fallaw, CDC teacher</i>)
Suzie Greene (<i>Morris</i>)	Elena Carter (<i>Patton</i>)
Tammy Campbell (<i>Culpepper</i>)	Tom Johnson (<i>Martin</i>)
Theresa Rigg (<i>Monetti</i>)	Katie Atkinson (<i>Barton</i>)
Mike Merck (<i>Wyatt</i>)	Pat Causey (<i>CDC Teacher</i>)
Mallory Gilbert (<i>Rawl</i>)	Military Service Members & Families
Edith Billingsley (<i>Billingsley</i>)	Eloise Sarvis (<i>Jay & Teresa Coles</i>)
Joyce Tullis (<i>Masters</i>)	John Coles (<i>Jay & Teresa Coles</i>)
Avie (<i>Billingsley</i>)	
Don Hagy (<i>Pardue/Hicks</i>)	
Crystal Hawks (<i>Kathy Hawks</i>)	
Bob & Jane Harris (<i>Rawl</i>)	

Calling All Cell Phones

Evangelism and Mission Committee is collecting old cell phones for Sister Care. If you have any cell phones that their calling is to serve Sister Care, please bring them to church and place them in the marked box around the corner from the Narthex.

Gods Helping Hands

Thank you for responding to the needs of this ministry. Your help is greatly appreciated. The suggested items for **February are: Rice, Dry Cereal, Canned Soup, Peanut Butter, and Dry Beans.**



You may drop them by the church any time you would like or bring them with you to church on Sunday. Thanks!

Good Samaritan Clinic

The Good Samaritan Clinic is a faith-based 501(c)(3) group that provides free health care to those in need. Be alert for specific needs which will be listed from time to time in our weekly church bulletin. Prayerfully consider donating as you can. If you have questions, please call Joretta Rawl at (803) 234-7844.

Keep the Change Sunday, February 26th

That's right! Keep the change --- to retire the debt! We encourage every Providence family to set aside your pocket change daily. On the 4th Sunday of the month, **February 26th** -"Keep the Change" Sunday -- we will collect the change we've saved. Mark your calendars, save your change and help us retire the debt.

Save Those Tabs

While you're saving labels remember to save your drink can tabs and deposit them in the container in the hallway collection area. The Ronald McDonald House, the families who stay there, and the children who are hospitalized greatly appreciate our support.

Clip The UPC Labels for Thornwell

You may have heard that Campbell's is changing the way they collect the soup labels. The only change is that you now clip the UPC code instead of the front label. Thornwell still redeems them for merchandise as they have done in the past. So please keep clipping!



Also, clip the box tops from hundreds of your favorite General Mills products! Each box top is worth \$.10 to Thornwell.



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Fran Bragan, D. Min.....	Parish Associate
Cassie Smith.....	Secretary
Donna Martin	Music Director
Emily Mooneyhan.....	Christian Educator
Alice Wyatt	Clerk of Session
Debbie Pardue.....	Treasurer

Child Development Center 796-0492

Joan Bullock.....	Director
Sharon Enlow.....	Assistant Director
Kyle McCree.....	Assistant Director

Active Elders

Eddie Enfinger.....	2017
Tim Hawks	2017
Joretta Rawl	2017
Judy Clas	2018
Dotti Foreman.....	2018
Roy Rushing	2018
Michael Scarborough.....	2018
Anne Marie Ashley	2019
Nancy Pilat Renner	2019
Kim Simmons.....	2019

Program Ministries

WORSHIP MINISTRY

Tim Hawks/ Nancy Pilat Renner

MISSION MINISTRY

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Anne Marie Ashley/ Kim Simmons

FELLOWSHIP AND FAMILIES

OUTREACH AND ASSIMILATION

Andrea Johnson

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

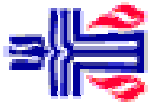
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