



Dear Friends...

In the 11th chapter of Luke's gospel there occurs one of the most profound pleas a child of God can make. Luke writes, "One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray ..." That disciple was watching him, wasn't he? He must have been standing there watching Jesus as a look of complete and peaceful engagement with something came over him. Jesus was completely absorbed with what he was doing and nothing would or could pull him away, so the disciple waited until Jesus finished to say, "Lord, teach me to do that."

At one time or another, that disciple is us making the same request of Jesus. We've all had those moments of deep peace in which the prayer seems to flow easily from our spirits to this One who made, loves, and sustains us. However, for most of the people I talk with about prayer, this is the exception. Prayer for many is more like a Twitter feed ... information set out there and sent on its way with the uttering of the "amen." We hope it got there and got read.

But what do we say? Scripture tells us that God knows us far better than we know ourselves. God knows our needs before we ask. God knows where there is hunger, warfare, and greed far better than we do. God knows our own problems and really doesn't need our counsel to solve them. So we join the disciple in making the request of Jesus, "Lord, teach us to pray."

Luke tells us that this happened immediately after Jesus had been in the home of Martha and Mary. These two sisters hosted him when he and his disciples came to the village where they lived. They were tired and weary from the journey and they needed food and rest and Martha, the consummate host, began tending to all the things a host needed to do for a guest. And in all the hosting, Martha suddenly notices her sister, Mary, simply sitting at the feet of Jesus ...

in silence ... listening. And probably not listening so much as simply being present with him ... and she got upset and asked him to tell Mary to get up and help her because she had lots of work to do. Jesus replied with that sentence we all would do well to listen to and follow, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

In the next verse ... it is another day and another place ... but in the very next verse one of Jesus' disciples comes to him with the plea, "Lord, teach us to pray ..." Had his memory of Mary sitting quietly at the feet of the Lord made such an impression on him that he came to Jesus asking to be shown how to do that ... to simply be present with the Lord. What was Mary doing? She was at prayer. It is no accident that Luke places these stories one immediately following the other. Mary at the feet of the Lord is our model for prayer ... long on listening, short on speaking. Prayer is not about what we say. It is about being present with God.

But, Jesus does give that disciple a prayer. It is the prayer the church has expanded on a bit and has come to refer to as The Lord's Prayer. And the interesting thing about this prayer is that it doesn't show us anything about how to itemize and prioritize our requests to God. It says nothing about what's OK to say and what is off limits. Jesus doesn't accompany the prayer with instructions to fold our hands and bow our heads. Jesus simply says, "When you pray, say this."

Blessings,



Providence Presbyterian Men of the Church Cornerstone Fund Raiser

BBQ Chicken Plates To-Go
(1/2 Chicken, Hash, Rice & Slaw)

Friday
May 27th, 2016

Pick-up between 4:30-6 p.m.
1112 Hummingbird Dr.
West Columbia

Music Notes

As many of you know, a group of Providence adults and youth/children will be traveling to Montreat, NC, in June, to attend the 2016 Montreat Conference on Worship and Music. This annual conference is always amazing: extremely well-done, informative, and inspiring. There are classes in various areas of worship and church music, choirs for all ages (vocal, instrumental, handbell), worship services, concerts, etc. Conferees come from many states to attend. This year the theme is "Grace and Gratitude". We have 6 adults and 11 youth/children registered for the week! There have already been several fund-raisers to assist the youth/children with housing expense, and I want to thank you for your support. There are still a few more events being planned for that purpose. I ask your continued prayers for our group and our plans for this wonderful event.

Thank you, Donna

Youth & Kids Club News

May Meeting Schedule

May 01—Montreat Music & Worship Camp

*Parents Meeting 5:00 pm

Kids Club Meeting 5:00-6:30 pm

Youth Meeting 5:00-7:00 pm

08—No Meetings, Happy Mothers Day!

15—Youth Recycle Project 12:00-2:00 pm

21—Youth Car Wash 8:30—11:00 am at Mooneyhan's
Auto Service on "B" Avenue in Triangle City

22—***Kids Club Party***

12:00-2:00 pm

Youth Meeting 5:00-7:00 pm

29—Youth Meeting 5:00-7:00 pm

Special Offering in May

May 01—PW Birthday Offering

08—Mother's Day Offering

15— Pentecost Offering

May is here and soon the CDC school year will be ending. While winding down and preparing for summer, we have many special events planned. The 4K class is participating in many exciting graduation festivities. Graduation will be held in the Fellowship Building at 6:30 p.m., Friday, May 20. The 4K children are working hard preparing for this event.



From May 2-6 we honor all of the CDC teachers and staff during Teacher Appreciation Week. PPCDC Teachers provide excellent care for our children every day. They make PPCDC a great place for children and their families. We have something special

planned for the teachers every day during the week including a special lunch on Thursday grilled by our good friends Chuck Carter and Stoney Patton. Thanks guys for helping make this a special week for the teachers.



Friday, May 9, will be our Morning with Moms celebration. It is from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. and we invite all the special women in our children's lives to come enjoy this special time with your child or children.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers for this outreach ministry of Providence Presbyterian Church.

The PPCDC Office Staff

Men of the Church

As a reminder to the men of Providence, **Men's Prayer break-fast** 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 **May 9 at 6:30 at the home of Eddie Enfinger. Our cook for this month is Eddie.**

Presbyterian Women News

Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team will meet on the 3rd *Sunday of the month*. *This month they will meet on **May 10** at 6:00 pm.*

Circle 1 will meet on 2nd *Tuesday of the month*, **May 10** at 11:00 am at the Presbyterian Communities.

Circle 2 will meet on **Thursday, May 12** at 6:30 pm.

Circle 3 will meet on the third Wednesday of the month, **May 18**, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Circle 4 will meet on the second Monday of the month,

Keep the Change Sunday, April 24

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, **May 22**, -"Keep the Change" Sunday -- we will collect the change we've saved. Mark your calendars, save your change and help us retire the debt.

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.

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.

There will be **No Sunday School Nursery** during the months of **June, July and August**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Sunday School Nursery</i>	<i>Worship Nursery & Worship Toddlers</i>	<i>Jr. Church</i>
05/01	Dee Pukl	Dee Pukl	Dave McCree
05/08	Kathy Hawks	Kathy Hawks	Anne Marie Ashley
05/15	Sandra Simpson	Sandra Simpson	Tim Monetti
05/22	Lauren Finnegan	Lauren Finnegan	Sarah Scarborough
05/29	Jessica Moore	Jessica Moore	Rosie Robinson
06/05		Karan Bundrick	Sheri Gordon
06/12		Dee Pukl	Anne Marie Ashley
06/19		Sandra Simpson	Dave McCree
06/26		Maria Patton	Tim Monetti
07/03		Jessica Moore	Anne Marie Ashley
07/10		Kathy Hawks	Sarah Scarborough
07/17		Lauren Finnegan	Rosie Robinson
07/24		Sandra Simpson	Sheri Gordon
07/31		Karan Bundrick	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

05/01 Judy Clas
 05/08 Michael Scarborough
 05/15 George Hayes
 05/22 Phillip Enlow
 05/29 Lauren Finnegan

06/05 Rosie Robinson
 06/12 Faye Daniel
 06/19 Tim Hawks
 06/26 Phillip Enlow

07/03 Lauren Finnegan
 07/10 Jay Coles
 07/17 Laurie White
 07/24 Roy Rushing
 07/31 Dotti Foreman

Usher/Communion Elder

MAY 2016

Dotti Foreman, Phillip Enlow, Jay Coles, Teresa Coles

EXTRA COMMUNION ELDERs

05/15 & 05/22 Emily Mooneyhan,
 Jason Bundrick

JUNE 2016

Roy Rushing, Judy Clas, Eddie Enfinger, Laurie White

EXTRA COMMUNION ELDERs:

Roy Turner, Dave McCree

JULY 2016

Steve Gordon, Violet & Simons Hane, Stoney Patton

EXTRA COMMUNION ELDERs:

Tim McKeever, Janet Jordan

Acolyte Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Light bearer</u>	<u>Book bearer</u>
05/01	Hunter Helms	Maddox Ashley
05/08	Jon Simmons	Caroline Cantrell
05/15	Wyatt Robinson	Knox Robinson
05/22	Sarah Bragan	Colby Carter
05/29	Julian Coles	David Lyell

There will be **No Acolytes or Book Bearers** during the months of **June, July and August**

Worship Directors

05/01 Lauren Finnegan
 05/08 Tim Hawks
 05/15 Eddie Enfinger
 05/22 Joretta Rawl
 05/29 George Hayes

06/05 Roy Rusing
 06/12 Janet Jordan
 06/19 Dotti Foreman
 06/26 Judy Clas

07/03 Michael Scarborough
 07/10 Joretta Rawl
 07/17 Tim Hawks
 07/24 Caralytta Barnhill
 07/31 Nancy Pilat Renner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 PW Birthday Offering <i>Jeanette Bragan</i> <i>Lorraine Carter</i>	2	3 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00 am <i>Emily Mooneyhan</i>	4 Chancel Choir 6:15 pm <i>Sharon Enlow</i>	5 <i>Nancy Pilat</i> <i>Renner</i>	6	7
8 Mother's Day Offering	9 Circle 4 6:00 pm Men of the Church 6:30 pm <i>Craig Wactor</i>	10 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00 am Circle 1 11:00 am PW Coordinating Team 6:30 pm	11 Chancel Choir 6:15 pm	12 CDC Board 5:30 pm Circle 2 6:30 pm	13 <i>Will Edwards</i> <i>David Yarborough</i>	14
15 Day of Pentecost Committees & Session	16	17 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00 am <i>Violet Hane</i>	18 Chancel Choir 6:15 pm Circle 3 6:30 pm <i>Becky Wactor</i>	19 <i>Betty Jackson</i> <i>Jay Swygert</i> <i>Roger Woods</i>	20 CDC Graduation	21 Youth Car Wash 8:30 am to 11:00 am At Mooneyhan Auto Service on "B" Ave In Triangle City
22 Trinity Sunday Keep the Change Sunday <i>Kathryn Helms</i> <i>Joe Rawl</i>	23 <i>Elliot Smith</i>	24 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00 am <i>Hilton Carlisle</i>	25 Chancel Choir 6:15 pm	26 <i>Dave McCree</i>	27 BBQ Chicken Plates To-Go Pick up 4:30 pm—6:00 pm	28
29	30 <i>Colby Carter</i> <i>David Starkey</i>	31 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00 am				<i>April 2016</i>

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

Carolyn Kay	Bucky Masters	Mary Wood
Jean Rushing	Susan Hicks	Margaret Lankford
Al Montgomery	Pearl Langford	Shirley VanKley
Kathy Hawks	Laurie White	Maria Patton
Ralph Barton	Tom Wyatt	Frances Julian
Jeanette Bragan	Faye Daniel	Bea Shannon
Judy Thrana	Bob Dennis-Leigh	Gail Pukl
Caroline Patton	Graham White	Dot Wilson
Veneta Renner	Betty White	Betty Jackson

Our Family and Friends

Avie (<i>Billingsley</i>)	Megan Sease (<i>Donna Martin</i>)
Terry Jones (<i>Scarborough</i>)	Vickie McGahee (<i>Patton, Bullock, Pardue</i>)
Anthony Plante (<i>Kay</i>)	Terri Barton (<i>Barton</i>)
Chris	Joyce Kistler (<i>Montgomery</i>)
Family of Vernon Jerry Carroll (<i>Gore</i>)	Carmen Dennis-Leigh
Debbie Culbreth (<i>Pukl</i>)	Callie Simpson (<i>Sandra Simpson</i>)
Don Hagy (<i>Pardue/Hicks</i>)	Chuck Curry
Joe McKinney (<i>Renner</i>)	Brian Fallaw (<i>Lindsey Fallaw, CDC teacher</i>)
Tommy Tullis (<i>Masters</i>)	Erika Browning (<i>Woods</i>)
Ken Martin (<i>White</i>)	Elena Carter (<i>Patton</i>)
Claudine & Foster (<i>Patton</i>)	Tom Johnson (<i>Martin</i>)
Crystal Hawks (<i>Kathy Hawks</i>)	Katie Atkinson (<i>Barton</i>)
Bob & Jane Harris (<i>Rawl</i>)	Chip Houser
Ken Akin (<i>Wyatt</i>)	Kathy Rigg (<i>Monetti</i>)
Butch Shirey (<i>Laurie White</i>)	Kent Rigg (<i>Cathy Monetti</i>)
Janet Vehorn	Pat Causey (<i>CDC Teacher</i>)
Jaxson (<i>Roy & Jean Rushing</i>)	Military Service Members & Families
Landon Derrick (<i>Donna Martin</i>)	Eloise Sarvis (<i>Jay & Teresa Coles</i>)
Doris Hane & daughter, Spann (<i>Hane</i>)	John Coles (<i>Jay & Teresa Coles</i>)
Frankie & Sonia Riley (<i>Enfinger</i>)	
Jim (Cotton) Huffman (<i>Violet & Simons Hane</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 **May are: Macaroni and Cheese, Canned Fruit and Juice.**

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



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.

Church Contacts

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Fran Bragan, D. Min.....	Parish Associate
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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
Jason Bundrick.....	Assistant Director
Kyle McCree.....	CDC Administrative Assistant

Active Elders

Lauren Finnegan.....	2016
George Hayes	2016
Roy Turner	2016
Laurie White	2016
Jason Bundrick.....	2017
Eddie Enfinger	2017
Tim Hawks	2017
Joretta Rawl.....	2017
Judy Clas	2018
Dotti Foreman	2018
Roy Rushing.....	2018
Michael Scarborough	2018

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