



## Dear Friends...

Physical therapists are basically good people. The fact that their task and calling in life is to hurt people shouldn't stand in the way of our understanding their basic goodness. They will quickly tell you that the path to healing and wholeness goes through the valley of pain, and that there is no way around it. One must go through it, and their job is to be our guide and coach along the way.

I just had a new knee installed and have discovered the world of physical therapy and the therapists who live there. One of the first faces I saw after waking from my surgery belonged to Tony, the PT guy. Tony said he was there to help me walk. I didn't know he meant right then. And so, through the haze of recent sedatives I stood on my new knee for the first time and took my first few tentative steps. It worked and even though those first steps didn't hurt too badly, it was all downhill from there. Over the coming days the pain killers wore off while the things Tony and his minions had me doing were increasingly difficult. At the end of each PT session Tony, and then Mark after I came home, would take out a clear plastic articulated measuring device called a baseline goniometer and hold it against my knee while I bent the joint as much as I could. My goal was 115 degrees. The first day I got to 90 degrees. Two days later I made it to 95. Another couple of days got me to about 100 degrees. Each time the angle was measured I was told to bend it to the point where the pain made me stop. After about two weeks Mark measured and announced "116 degrees" and that he was going to cut me loose at the end of that week. I was on my own after that and well on the way to recovery. It has since occurred to me that the only thing that kept me

from viewing this as an exercise in painful futility was having a measurable goal out there and a coach to keep me focused on it.

Leave it to the preacher to find a lesson in this, but you see the parallel to the Christian life here, I'm sure. There is a lot of 'clappy-happy' religion out there that doesn't really demand much of us at all. It is available when we think we need it. When it wants us to do and believe things which are inconvenient we are free to ignore and do something else. That religion is there to serve us, as is its diluted image of God. It needs no coach and it sets no goals ... neither does it cause us to grow. The true faith of Jesus Christ is the one which requires much of us. It does not simply serve our needs. It requires us to serve each other's needs, and only in doing so are we served. It requires us to go places and do things that may well be at odds with the things of the world and reason, but we go there and do the things it requires of us anyway. The coach is Christ, Himself, and the goal is the Kingdom of God ... and we grow in His image and likeness daily.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mike". The ink is dark and the signature is centered below the text "Blessings,".

## *Music Notes*

September is here, and it is time to begin Sunday afternoon rehearsals for this Program Year. Instrument Group meets at 4:00, and Adult Handbell Choir meets at 4:30, except on Meeting Days. I look forward to seeing all musicians in these two choirs, and we welcome any new musicians, as well. If you are interested in joining us, please let me know so that I can have music ready for you to rehearse. You can send me an email at [episcoterian@aol.com](mailto:episcoterian@aol.com). Chancel Choir rehearses on Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m.. It will be helpful for new singers, also, to let me know that you'd like to join us, so that I can prepare a folder of music for you. Young Singers and Ringers will meet during Sunday evening Providence Youth meetings, as we did last year.

I look forward to spending the coming Program Year with you, and I thank you, Providence friends, for your support of our Providence Musicians.

Donna

## *Youth News*

### September Meeting Schedule

September 11 —Youth Kick Off

18 —After church lunch 12-2 pm

September 25 —Middler/Sr. High Pool party 5 pm



During the 2016-2017 school year, one of our after school teachers, Ms. Tonya Matthews, is leading music class weekly for the mobile infants through the 4K classes.



Mr. Alvin of Decker Karate will teach karate lessons on site for the CDC children that are registered through his studio.

Once again Creative Movement and Dance is offering Tap, Ballet and Mother Goose classes for CDC children that have signed up for the lessons.



And the team from Kid Fit will keep the children moving during the twice monthly sessions for the two year old through the 4K classes.

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

The PPCDC Office Team



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# BIG YARD SALE

Saturday, September 24  
8am until 1pm

at Providence Presbyterian Church  
1112 Hummingbird Drive, West Columbia

## RESERVE YOUR SPACE TODAY!

12' X 20' 1 space \$20 • 2 spaces \$35 • 3 spaces \$50  
Limited number of spaces available, SO CALL NOW!

Reserve by contacting Providence Presbyterian at 803-794-6766  
or [www.providencepresbyterian.net](http://www.providencepresbyterian.net). Deadline to reserve Wednesday, Sept. 21. Drive-up registration the day of sale only if spaces allow. Questions? Contact Michael at (803) 397-6140.

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# JOY MARKET

IS COMING

SUNDAY, December 4

1 pm until 6 pm

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

## **CRAFTERS, BAKERS AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Crafters – see Teresa Coles or Cathy Monetti  
Bakers and Food Sale Items – see Alice Wyatt  
Know someone who might rent a vendor space?  
see Cindy Enfinger or Judy Clas

**100% OF VENDOR FEES AND PROVIDENCE SALES  
SUPPORT CAMPAIGN JOY**

## *Presbyterian Women News*

Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team will **on September 14** 2016 at 5:45 pm.

**Circle 1** will meet on **Tuesday, September 13** at 11:00 am at the Presbyterian Communities.

**Circle 2** will meet on **Thursday, September 8** at 6:30 pm at the home of Debbie Pardue.

**Circle 3** will meet on the third Wednesday of the month, **September 21**, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**Circle 4** will meet on the second Monday of the month, **September 12** 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 **September 12 at 6:30 pm** at the church and be sure to bring something for the grill.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Book Bearer</i>	<i>Acolyte</i>
09/04	David Lyell	Virginia Johnson
09/11	Knox Robinson	Laken Robinson
09/18	Fletcher Scarborough	Duncan Scarborough
09/25	Arwyn Simmons	Jon Simmons
10/02	Margo Mathis	Wyatt Robinson
10/09	Avery McCree	Sarah Bragan
10/16	Baker Moore	Hunter Helms
10/23	Colby Carter	Julian Coles
10/30	Maddox Ashley	Morgan Swygert
11/06	Caroline Cantrell	Christopher Bragen
11/13	Finn Bundrick	Virginia Johnson
11/20	Knox Robinson	Duncan Scarborough
11/27	David Lyell	Julian Coles



## 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 &amp; Toddlers</i>	<i>Jr. Church</i>
09/04	Lauren Finnegan	Lauren Finnegan	Anne Marie Ashley
09/11	Karen Bundrick	Karen Bundrick	Dave McCree
09/18	Maria Patton	Maria Patton	Rosie Robinson
09/25	Sandra Simpson	Sandra Simpson	Sheri Gordon
10/02	Jessica Moore	Jessica Moore	Tim Monetti
10/09	Kathy Hawks	Kathy Hawks	Sarah Scarborough
10/16	Karen Bundrick	Karan Bundrick	Anne Marie Ashley
10/23	Maria Patton	Maria Patton	Dave McCree
10/30	Sandra Simpson	Sandra Simpson	Rosie Robinson
11/06	Jessica Moore	Jessica Moore	Sheri Gordon
11/13	Karen Bundrick	Karen Bundrick	Emily Mooneyhan
11/20	Sandra Simpson	Sandra Simpson	Tim Monetti
11/27	Maria Patton	Maria Patton	Rosie Robinson

# 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

09/04 Ray Bullock  
09/11 Douglas Carlisle  
09/18 Kim Simmons  
09/25 Gordie Moore  
  
10/02 Kyle McCree  
10/09 Simmons Hane  
10/16 Tim McKeever  
10/23 Cindy Enfinger  
10/30 Caralytta Hawks  
  
11/06—Roy Rushing  
11/13—George Hayes  
11/20—Laurie White  
11/27—Anne Marie Ashley

## Worship Directors

09/04 George Hayes  
09/11 Roy Rushing  
09/18 Michael Scarborough  
09/25 Anne Marie Ashley  
  
10/02 Kim Simmons  
10/09 Laurie White  
10/16 Gordie Moore  
10/23 Judy Clas  
10/30 Tim Hawks  
  
11/06—Eddie Enfinger  
11/13—Dottie Foreman  
11/20—George Hayes  
11/27—Violet Hane

## Usher/Communion Elder

### SEPTEMBER 2016

Anne Marie Ashley, Gordie Moore,  
Jason Bundrick, Judy Clas

### EXTRA COMMUNION ELDERS:

09/11: Jay Coles, Dotti Foreman

### OCTOBER 2016

Emily Mooneyhan, Kim Simmons,  
Eddie Enfinger, George Hayes

### EXTRA COMMUNION ELDERS:

10/02 Roy Rushing, Roy Turner

### NOVEMBER 2016

Tim Hawks; Violet Hane, Simmons Hane,  
Teresa Coles

### EXTRA COMMUNION ELDERS:

11/06 Jay Coles, Philip Enlow

*No Special Offerings  
For September*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>Janice Culppepper</i> <i>Steve Jordan</i>	2	3
4 <i>Bucky Masters</i>	5	6 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00 am <i>Olivia McCree</i>	7 Chancel Choir 6:15 pm <i>George Thrana</i>	8 Circle 2 6:30 Saluda Chase	9	10
11 Communion Sunday Kids Club Kick Off	12 Circle 4 6:00 pm Men of the Church 6:00 pm <i>Anna Grace Puki</i>	13 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00 am Circle 1 11:00 am	14 Chancel Choir 6:15 PW Coordinating Meeting 5:45 <i>Pat Stubbs</i>	15	16 <i>Alli Cantrell</i>	17 <i>Carolyn Coleman</i> <i>Audrey Edwards</i>
18 Healing Service Session & Committees	19	20 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00 am	21 Chancel Choir 6:15 pm Circle 3 6:30 pm	22	23	24 Big Yard Sale 8 am—1 pm <i>Finn Bunderick</i>
25 Keep the change Sunday Middler & Senior High Pool Party	26	27 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00 am	28 Chancel Choir 6:15 pm	29	30	
<b>September 2016</b>						

# 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

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

## Our Family and Friends

Mike Merck ( <i>Wyatt</i> )	Landon Derrick ( <i>Donna Martin</i> )
Mallory Gilbert ( <i>Rawl</i> )	Frankie & Sonia Riley ( <i>Enfinger</i> )
Diane Flashnick ( <i>Pardue</i> )	Megan Sease ( <i>Donna Martin</i> )
Mary McClenny ( <i>Masters</i> )	Vickie McGahee ( <i>Patton, Bullock, Pardue</i> )
Annie Williams ( <i>Haley &amp; Jordan Renner</i> )	Terri Barton ( <i>Barton</i> )
Edith Billingsley ( <i>Billingsley</i> )	Joyce Kistler ( <i>Montgomery</i> )
Randy Finley ( <i>Rawl</i> )	Carmen Dennis-Leigh
Greg Harris ( <i>Rawl</i> )	Callie Simpson ( <i>Sandra Simpson</i> )
Andrea Woodfield ( <i>Rawl</i> )	Chuck Curry
Joyce Tullis ( <i>Masters</i> )	Brian Fallaw ( <i>Lindsey Fallaw, CDC teacher</i> )
Mack McGahee	Erika Browning ( <i>Woods</i> )
Dan Miranda ( <i>Curry</i> )	Elena Carter ( <i>Patton</i> )
Avie ( <i>Billingsley</i> )	Tom Johnson ( <i>Martin</i> )
Terry Jones ( <i>Scarborough</i> )	Katie Atkinson ( <i>Barton</i> )
Chris	Chip Houser
Family of Vernon Jerry Carroll ( <i>Gore</i> )	Kathy Rigg ( <i>Monetti</i> )
Debbie Culbreth ( <i>Pukl</i> )	Kent Rigg ( <i>Cathy Monetti</i> )
Don Hagy ( <i>Pardue/Hicks</i> )	Pat Causey ( <i>CDC Teacher</i> )
Joe McKinney ( <i>Renner</i> )	Military Service Members & Families
Ken Martin ( <i>White</i> )	Eloise Sarvis ( <i>Jay &amp; Teresa Coles</i> )
Claudine & Foster ( <i>Patton</i> )	John Coles ( <i>Jay &amp; Teresa Coles</i> )
Crystal Hawks ( <i>Kathy Hawks</i> )	
Bob & Jane Harris ( <i>Rawl</i> )	
Ken Akin ( <i>Wyatt</i> )	
Butch Shirey ( <i>Laurie White</i> )	
Janet Vehorn	
Jaxson ( <i>Roy &amp; Jean Rushing</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 **September are: Canned Soup, Peanut Butter, and Cooking Oil.**



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, September 25*

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, **September 25**, - "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.

## *Church Contacts*

**794-6766**

Mike Bragan, D. Min.....	Pastor
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
Jason Bundrick.....	Assistant Director
Kyle McCree.....	CDC Administrative Assistant

## *Active Elders*

Jason Bundrick.....	2017
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
Gordie Moore.....	2019
Nancy Pilat Renner .....	2019
Kim Simmons.....	2019

## *Program Ministries*

### ***WORSHIP MINISTRY***

Tim Hawks

### ***MISSION MINISTRY***

Michael Scarborough

### ***CHRISTIAN EDUCATION***

Emily Mooneyhan

### ***FELLOWSHIP AND FAMILIES***

Jason Bundrick

### ***OUTREACH AND ASSIMILATION***

Lauren Finnegan

### ***STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY***

Roy Rushing

### ***BUSINESS AND FACILITIES MINISTRY***

Eddie Enfinger

### ***CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER MINISTRY***

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