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## RESOURCE CENTER SPOTLIGHT

### YOU ARE INVITED!

The NPPC Resource Center (located at the back of the library) is celebrating its open house on August 6th before, during and after the church school hour.

The mission of the center is to provide materials for church members that focus on growing faith, and you will find helpful works not available in the public library. NPPC members may not be aware of the many helpful resources that have been purchased in the past and that continue to be added to the collections every day. Among many other topics, these collections include books on theology, grief, parenting, Presbyterian beliefs and outstanding children's works. In addition to seeing these materials, members can learn of the new system of organizing and checking out books. The Center contains the Alexander-Smith adult materials, the Flo Alexander Children's Library, and curriculum choices.

We welcome all church members to stop by and see this important part of our church's education ministry. We even invite entire classes to visit us on the 6th.

The library committee would like to encourage you to check at home for any NPPC materials you may have checked out in the past and forgotten to return. As we put the final touches on the Resource Center, we would like to get these materials in the database.

Anyone interested in working on the Resource Center Committee, please contact Cynthia Freeman (cpfree4@bellsouth.net).

*Cynthia Freeman*

## PROMOTION AND EDUCATIONAL LEADERS COMMISSIONING

Sunday, August 6th, is Promotion Sunday, the day that marks the official beginning of a new program year for our educational ministries. It is the day when our children and youth move up to their new Sunday school classes and our youth kick off the fall programming for iGroup and PYC. On that day we will be also be commissioning teachers and leaders for the 2017-18 year during both the 9:00 a.m. and 11:05 a.m. worship services. If you serve in ANY capacity in the educational ministry of NPPC (children, youth, or adult Sunday school teacher, Bible study leader, circle leader, Discipleship and Education Ministry Team or Adult/Youth/Children/Leadership Development Committee Member, VBS leader, etc.) please make plans to attend one of the services.

*Melanie Rasnake*

## CHILDREN'S EDUCATION KICKOFF

August 6th, we will begin our 2017-18 Christian Education program year. Children in grades K-5th and their parents are invited to gather in Westminster Hall at 10:00 a.m. for a very short Sunday school orientation meeting. Elementary and Intermediate Teaching teams will be introduced at this time and children will be dismissed from this meeting to their classes.

*Jaclyn Beeler*

## COMMUNION

We will celebrate the Lord's Supper during both services of worship on Sunday, August 27.

## ANNUAL MEETING AND WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Session has called a congregational meeting for August 27, 2017. The morning schedule will be as follows. Sunday school will begin at 9:00 a.m., followed by time for coffee and fellowship from 10:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. There will be one service at 10:30 in the sanctuary and then lunch and the annual meeting around tables in Westminster Hall.

The Congregational Life/Deacons Ministry Team will provide the meat for the potluck lunch and everyone else is asked to bring side dishes, salads and desserts.

The budget and Annual Report will be available to the congregation on August 20th for review.

## BUDGET FORUM PLANNED

The Budget & Finance Committee will host a gathering August 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in Eastminster Hall to answer any detailed questions regarding the budget. A representative from each ministry team will also be available.

## BARTLETT BUZZ

In addition to our regular visitors, this month Bartlett Adult Day Out will also enjoy visit from Leonard Blankner, who will play the piano, and Tom Hendrix and his harmonica group. We look forward to these special visitors.

As always, if you have a gift or talent that you could share with us, we would love for you to come visit. Contact Trish (trish@newprovidencepres.org, 983-0182) to arrange a time.

*Trish Badgett, RN, Parish Nurse*

## FROM THE PASTOR

"As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug..."

Those words come from the widow of Zarephath in the book of I Kings, one of the Old Testament books that tells the history of Israel, and in particular, the ministry of the prophet Elijah.

That's a long and complicated story, but when we finally meet Elijah in I Kings 17, he and his neighbors are in the midst of a drought. In the small village of Zarephath, he encounters a widow gathering sticks, and asks for bread and water. She has none, since the area has suffered this drought for many years.

But she has a little grain, she admits, and a little oil in a jar. She tells Elijah that she's been saving it to fix one last meal for herself and her son, and that then they will die. You know what comes next – Elijah asks her to fix him a meal, and no sooner does she than the canisters of grain and oil are filled over and over again.

While I am wary of imposing Biblical texts onto current situations, that story speaks to me about where our church and its leaders (myself included) find ourselves today. New Providence is no newcomer to need or privation. Charter members survived inside the walls of Craig's Fort in 1786. The Civil War nearly decimated this congregation. Like many churches, we have weathered our share of conflicts and divisions.

But Zarephath gives us a hint to what's ahead. When Elijah arrives on the scene, this widow has exhausted all her possible resources. There are no more packets of ramen noodles, nor blue boxes of mac & cheese.

The widow and her son didn't get there overnight. There had to have been years of belt-tightening and

coupon-clipping. No matter how meticulous their spending, they had come to the end of their resources.

I tell that story only as a preface to where we at New Providence find ourselves today. While ministries are

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growing, and opportunities are all around us, the difficult reality is that all of those ministries cost money, and in recent years, giving to NPPC has not kept pace

with our expenses. The bottom line is that we are not bringing in all the money we need. And any of us who manage household or personal budgets understand that that is not sustainable.

For several years, we've had the benefit of a "cushion" of reserve funds. But this year, those monies are no longer available. We finished the 2016-2017 year with a nearly \$100,000 deficit. That is not a matter of overspending – to the contrary, our expenses came in almost \$50,000 under budget. But our income has not been what we anticipated. The jars of oil and grain are nearly empty.

The elders whom you elected to serve this congregation take seriously their responsibility to be fiscally responsible in confirming a balanced budget for our life and ministry together. Continuing to end fiscal years in the red is simply not sustainable. That means that all of our ministry areas have been asked to cut 12% from last year's actual spending, in order to insure that the 2017-2018 fiscal year ends in the black.

I hope you know that none of these decisions have come easily; nor have they been made without long and prayerful consideration. It is painful to think about which of our important ministries might suffer because of this shortfall, but in the interest of financial integrity, your leaders feel it is critical.

Maybe you are asking, "What can I do?" First, and most importantly, please pray. Pray for God's wisdom as your

leaders seek to understand exactly where God is leading us. And secondly, if you are able, please give. No gift is unimportant, and every dollar makes a difference. Last, but not least of all, please keep your eyes open to see God at work around us. Instead of a crisis, may we see this as an opportunity to hone our priorities, trust in God's faithfulness, and challenge ourselves to be more generous and faithful as well.

I'm sure that you have questions, and I will do my best to answer them, as will members of session. Our annual meeting will be on August 27; annual reports and budget information will be available beginning August 20. On Tuesday night, August 22, we will hold a budget forum in Eastminster Hall at 7:00 p.m. That is the best venue in which to ask specific questions about the budget itself, and I hope you will make plans to be there.

I look forward to celebrating with you at our annual meeting and lunch the following Sunday, August 27th.

It is a joy to be the church with you!



Emily J. Anderson

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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On Sunday, August 6th, we will begin this year's session of Welcome to Worship. This is an eight-week study for rising kindergartners and their parents designed to help them make the transition from children's church to regular attendance in worship. Any rising first or second graders who have not yet completed Welcome to Worship are also invited to participate.

Welcome to Worship will meet August through September, with the exception of September 3rd, during the Sunday school hour (10:10 – 10:50 a.m.) in the bell tower room, located adjacent to the balcony in the sanctuary. We ask that at least one parent attend with their child.

Beginning in October, Welcome to Worship participants will join the other elementary students in the Workshop Rotation Sunday School.

*Jaclyn Beeler*

## INQUIRERS' CLASS PLANNED

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Are you looking for a church home, or interested in finding out more about the New Providence Church family? The Inquirers' class is starting a new session. Inquirers' meets in the Chapel on August 20 at 10:00 a.m., August 27 at 9:00 a.m. and September 10 and 17 at 10:00 a.m. Those who choose to join will be introduced to the congregation on October 8.

What is the Inquirers' class? It is a four-week program led by Steve Musick and Emily Anderson that provides a glimpse into programs and ministries of New Providence Presbyterian Church (NPPC) as well as what it we mean when we call ourselves Presbyterians.

Who is it for? Anyone who wishes to learn more about NPPC, whether you are a member or not. The topics include the history of New Providence, Christian heritage and the order of Presbyterian worship, education and service ministries.

If you have questions, please contact Steve Musick (steve@newprovidencepres.org or 983-0182) or Kristi Weatherbee (kristibee128@aol.com), team lead of Connections team.

*Kristi Weatherbee*

## P.E.A.K. AND CLOUD 9 KICK-OFF

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P.E.A.K (Pre-k through 3rd grade) and Cloud 9 (4th and 5th grade) will kick off on August 30th! This year P.E.A.K. And Cloud 9 will begin at 3:00 and end at 5:15, with choir practice from 4:35 until 5:15 for both P.E.A.K. and Cloud 9 children.

This year P.E.A.K. will continue with the 4-year curriculum based off of the book, *100 Things Every Child Should Know Before Confirmation* by Rebecca Kirkpatrick.

Cloud 9 will begin meeting every Wednesday (with certain exceptions, schedule coming soon) and will go through the *Chronicles of Narnia* curriculum that was written by our very own Melanie Rasnake. One week we will look at the movie clip and the scripture lesson and the next week we will do the activity and/or craft that goes along with the lesson from the week before.

We are really excited about combining the times for the two programs this year! Watch your e-mails for registration paperwork coming soon!

*Jaclyn Beeler*

## PORCH DE SALOMON

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Porch de Salomon, in Panajachel, Guatemala, continues their work for "the lost, the least, and the last."

In early June, PdS partnered with La Casa de la Paz and its donors to purchase a home site and start building a new home for Celestina Cotjin Cortez and her children. Celestina is a widow who earns \$30 monthly as a seamstress. She and her family live in a crumbling adobe room with dirt floors, no electricity, and no running water. The path to their house is remote, dark, and unsafe, and one of her daughters was assaulted on this foot trail. Their new home will be in a safer location with a beautiful view.

Our 2018 Mission Team will start fundraisers for our trip to Guatemala soon! For additional information and updates on this ministry, including the newsletter, see [porchdesalomon.org/](http://porchdesalomon.org/)

*Andrea Franks*

## NPR

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New Prov Reads will be starting up again in September. We will be meeting on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the church Parlor. Andrew Irvine has agreed to lead us in a discussion of *Lost in the Middle?: Claiming an Inclusive Faith for Christians Who Are Both Liberal and Evangelical* by Wesley J. Wildman and Stephen Chapin Garner followed by *Found in the Middle Theology!: and Ethics for Christians Who Are Both Liberal and Evangelical*.

Everyone is welcome to join us! Contact Anne Van Pelt (libraryanne42@gmail.com) for more information.

*Anne Van Pelt*

## MEN HAVE NEW LEADERSHIP

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The Mission of New Providence Presbyterian Men (NPPM) is "to lead men into a vital relationship with Christ and to assist them in their spiritual, personal, and community development."

NPPM, has new leadership:

- Lead Team (oversees all NPPM activities)– Denny Moore
- Building Square (church building repair and maintenance) – Roy Fox
- Parking Square (overseeing parking on church property during MHS games) – Mike Harrington
- Witnessing Square (Bible and religious studies) – Bill White
- Spring and Fall Clean-up (helping our congregation members) – Denny Moore
- Treasurer – Roy Roberts

NPPM has discontinued CATS (setting up and taking down tables and chairs). It is now the responsibility of the individual programs to make those arrangements.

All men who are members of New Providence are automatically members of NPPM. NPPM will be more than happy to include you in any of all activities listed above. If you are interested, please contact Denny More (984-0008, [dennymoore@bellsouth.net](mailto:dennymoore@bellsouth.net)).

*Roy Fox*



# CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 2017

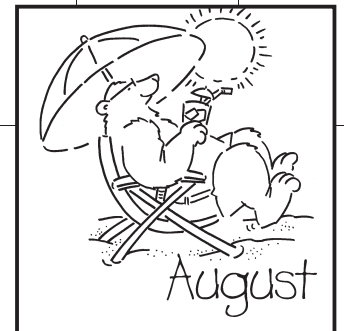
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06 Blessing of the Backpacks/ Promotion Sunday Teacher Commissioning Welcome to Worship  9:00AM FirstLight Worship (Sanctuary) 10:00AM Church School 11:05AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)	07 7:00AM Men's Lectionary Bible Study 7:30AM Men's Lectionary Bible Study 8:00AM CBS Sorters (WH) 7:00PM BSA - Troop 88 (FWH) 7:00PM Youth Committee (Youth Room) 7:30PM NA Group (206)	08 9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH) 9:30AM Community Food Connection Board Meeting (Chapel) 10:00AM Welcome Table Prep (FWH) 1:45PM Centering Prayer (Youth Room) 5:00PM Welcome Table (WH) 5:00PM FirstLight Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 6:30PM Adult Ed Committee (214) 6:30PM Leadership Development Committee (206) 6:30PM Children's Committee (215) 6:30PM Worship & Arts (Choir Room) 7:00PM Church In the World (Chapel) 7:30PM Disc & Education (216)	09 7:30AM Men's Witnessing Square (Youth Room) 9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH) 4:00PM Lectionary Bible Study (Off Campus) 6:00PM Tai Chi Class (FEH) 7:00PM Ballroom Dancing (WH)	10 8:30AM PEO (Youth Room) 9:00AM Quilters (FWH) 10:00AM D & S Community Services Training Meeting (FEH) 6:00PM BSA - District Committee (FEH) 7:30PM NA Group (206)	11 Annual Report Deadline  7:00PM BSA-District Roundtable (REH)	12
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27 Welcome to Worship Window Series Communion  9:00AM Inquirers' Class (Chapel) 9:00AM Church School 10:00AM Coffee & Fellowship (Atrium) 10:30AM Combined Service (Sanctuary) 11:30AM Annual Congregational Meeting/Lunch (WH)	28 7:00AM Men's Lectionary Bible Study 7:30AM Men's Lectionary Bible Study 8:00AM CBS Sorters (WH) 7:30PM NA Group (206)	29 9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH) 10:00AM Welcome Table Prep (FWH) 1:00PM New Prov Press Mailing (Chapel) 1:45PM Centering Prayer (Youth Room) 5:00PM Welcome Table (WH) 5:00PM FirstLight Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	30 9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH) 2:00PM P.E.A.K. (bus) 3:00PM P.E.A.K Kickoff (16) 3:00PM Cloud 9 Kickoff (217) 4:00PM Lectionary Bible Study (Off Campus) 6:00PM Tai Chi Class (FEH) 7:00PM Chancel Choir (Choir Room) 7:00PM Ballroom Dancing (WH)	31 9:00AM Quilters (FWH) 5:45PM Grace Notes (211) 7:30PM NA Group (206)		

RWH - Rear Westminster Hall

FWH - Front Westminster Hall

FEH - Front Eastminster Hall

REH - Rear Eastminster Hall



Note: You'll notice on the calendar that the room in the new wing we used to call the Confirmation room is now W202. Confirmation no longer meets in that room so it seems a bit silly to name it for a group that doesn't meet there anymore!

## YOUTH EDUCATION KICKS OFF

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Although the kids don't want to admit it, summer is quickly coming to a close and fall programming is upon us! In the youth department that means that we have a lot of new things going on and I hope we see many of you here! We have two youth groups here at New Providence; iGroup for 6th-8th grades and PYC for 9th-12th grades. We meet on Sunday nights at 4:30 for iGroup, eat dinner all together at 6pm, and then the PYC kids stay from 6:30 to 8. These Sunday nights consist of games, discussion, bible study, and taking a look at how our faith can and should affect our lives. We always have a blast. We meet in the youth room across from the glass doors in the connector hallway.

On Sunday mornings we will have two Sunday school classes for our youth age kids. PYC will meet in the youth room and we will use a curriculum called *Messy Stories from the Old Testament* The last few years we have been alternating back and forth between New Testament and Old Testament focused curriculum, and I think this one will be both informative and enjoyable for our youth. Our iGroup kids will use *Feasting On The Word*. This is a lectionary based curriculum, which means that it follows the three year schedule of scripture called the Revised Common Lectionary. This schedule of scriptures gives a starting place for most of the preaching at New Providence, and so by using a Sunday school curriculum that follows it as well, the kids get a chance to unpack those scriptures a little further, and reinforce what they hear in church.

This year we will also continue our Fifth Sunday Family nights. On months with five Sundays, we invite parents to join us for youth programming and dinner. This gives us a chance to increase family involvement, and gives parents a look at what a "typical" Sunday night entails for our youth.

If you want to know more about the youth programs at New Providence you can e-mail Jason (Jason@newprovidencepres.org) with any questions.

Jason Graffis

## HEALTH TIPS

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### SIX TIPS FOR HEALTHY TRANSITIONS

Periods of transition or significant change in your life, whether the death of a loved one, a loss of a job, a divorce, or adjusting to an empty nest, can take a toll on physical, mental and spiritual health. It's important to take changes in stride and do your best to keep your health and attitude up even when you feel down. Here are some tips for coping with change.

1. **ACCEPTANCE** - The first step for coping with any change is to fully accept it. Many times it is already out of your control, so accept that fact, and move forward.
2. **POSITIVITY** - Try to visualize the positive aspects of the change. Transitions happen for a reason, and many times change challenges us in ways that may make us uncomfortable, but can strengthen us if we let it.
3. **HONESTY** - Take time to be honest with yourself and reflect on your emotions, but do not let them control you.
4. **GOOD VIBES** - Do your best to surround yourself with people who want the best for you and can help feed your positivity and boost your self-esteem. Being around others with optimistic attitudes can greatly influence your own.
5. **VULNERABILITY** - Let yourself be vulnerable and ask for help when you need it. Realize that you're not the only one who has faced these obstacles, and seek out those who have had similar experiences and come out on top.
6. **LETTING GO** -The most important step of accepting and embracing change is to let go of the past. Letting go does not mean banishing it or forgetting it ever existed, but make a conscious effort to let the past be the past. The future is always unfolding, and dwelling on the past does little to help ride that wave. Keep yourself present in the present!

Trish Badgett, RN, Parish Nurse

## MANY THANKS!

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We are deeply grateful for all the love shown to us at the death of our dear grandson, Mark. Thank you for the cards, e-mails, texts, calls, visits and hugs. Your love has given us great comfort at this difficult time

Sue & Bob Ramger

Thank you everyone for your prayers and concerns during my recent illness.

Denise Vogado

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING CALLED

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An annual meeting of the congregation of New Providence Presbyterian Church is hereby called to be held on August 27, at 11:30 a.m. Annual reports will be distributed. Copies of the report will be available on Sunday, August 18. The narrative budget will be reviewed. Changes in the terms of call for the Pastor/Head of Staff and the Associate Pastor will be presented for approval by the congregation. Called by the order of Session on July 25, 2017.

Carrie Eaton, Clerk of Session  
Rev. Dr. Emily Anderson, Moderator

## LECTIONARY READINGS

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- August 7: Isaiah 1:1, 10-20, Psalm 50: 1-8, 22-23, Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16, Luke 12:32-40
- August 14: Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56
- August 21: Jeremiah 1:4-10, Psalm 71:1-6; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17
- August 28: Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1, 10-16; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

## SESSION SUMMARY

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The Session of NPPC postponed their regular meeting and at press time, had not met for the month of July. Check out next month's *New Prov Press* for minutes from July and August.

## MAN OF THE YEAR

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### BUD GANGWER NAMED NEW PROVIDENCE MAN OF THE YEAR

Bud Gangwer is selected as New Providence Man of the year because of his exceptional service to the church, his activities related to the men of the church and his service to the community.

Bud was born in Mississippi in 1940. He is the youngest of 4 children. He had twin sisters, Ethel and Catherine, 12 years older and another sister Mary Sue, 9 years older. He soon moved to Madisonville, where he graduated from high school. During this time he was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Madisonville.

He attended the University of Tennessee and received a degree in Political Science. After graduation, he served as a special agent in the Army in Germany. After the army, he served as a member of the Joint Legislative Services of the Tennessee Legislature in Nashville. Prior to retiring after 37 years, he served as the Director of Legislative Services. While in Nashville he would come home on weekends and care for his mother until her death. He remained a member of First Presbyterian of Madisonville until his mother died. At that time he joined Second Presbyterian in Nashville.

When he retired from state government service he moved to Maryville and joined New Providence.

He has served the Church as:

- an Elder where he served as team leader of the Facilities Team,
- a Deacon, serving on the Congregational Life Team,
- a volunteer the church's Bartlett Adult Day Out Program,
- a volunteer at the church's Welcome Table where he washes and puts away dishes,
- a Sunday school teacher,
- and as an usher during Sunday worship services.

He is also a very active member of the Presbyterian Men of New Providence. He is currently serving on:

- the Leadership square,

- the Building square,
- the Witnessing square,
- CATS (setting up and taking down tables and chairs for church events), and
- the Football Parking square, serving several years as the team leader.

In the spring and fall he works with the men of the church doing yard work for some of our older members, and he and a team of fellow men have built three handicapped ramps for church members.

He is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Maryville. For several years he has served as chair of the House Committee. He is responsible for setting up and taking down the podium, banners, flags, sign in table and all other facilities needed for the weekly meetings. As part of his Kiwanis activities he is also a supporter of Dolly Parton Imagination Library for children under 5 years of age

When Bud was born, his older twin sisters insisted that he be named after his father, Horton G. Gangwer, but we know our Man of the Year simply as Bud Gangwer.

*Roy Fox*

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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These are the "Taking the Love of Christ" (TLC) home-bound members whose birthdays occur during August. Shower them with birthday cards to remind them they are special!

- Ruth Weston, August 7
- Hugh Barnett's 101st birthday, August 14th

*Donnae Farley*

## ONLINE DONATIONS

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Use this QR code or go to [newprovidencepres.org/donate](http://newprovidencepres.org/donate). From there, choose where you wish your funds to go, click on the donate now icon and follow the directions.



## TENDING OUR FLOCK

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### WE SHARE SORROW

- Charles Blackburn, 5/25
- Minerva Henderson, 5/28
- Charlie Teal, Tim Teal's father, 6/14
- Lucy Shoemaker, Sophia Metz's mother, 6/15
- Tommy Davis, Ron Davis' mother, and Tracy Luttrell's grandmother, 6/21
- Mark Nadler, Bob & Sue Ramger's grandson, 6/29
- Tim Daley, Sally Daley's husband, 7/4
- Ivanell Farber, Trish Badgett's mother, 7/4
- Dorothy Weaver, 7/9
- Mary Ann Ruis, 7/12
- Johnnie Grace Chapman Waters, Carol Luckey's aunt, 7/11
- Janice Campbell, 7/24

### CONGRATULATIONS!

- Jude Marshall Santiago, weighing 4 lbs, 13.5 oz. was born on May 17 to Phil and Page (Yarborough) Santiago. He is the grandson of Bill & Emily Yarborough.
- Cheri (Huffman) and Don Flynn were married on June 24.
- Benjamin Davis Huff was born on July 14 in Concord, North Carolina to Emily (Utt) & Chris Huff and grandparents Jim & Janice Utt. Benjamin Davis joins big brother, Charlie, and weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces and was 19 inches long.

### HAVE FAMILY NEWS?

Have a new baby? Dad in the hospital? Someone graduate? Your church family would love to share your joys and your sorrows. Contact Karen ([karen@newprovidencepres.org](mailto:karen@newprovidencepres.org), 983-0182) or anyone in the office.

# SUNDAY MORNING LEADERSHIP FOR AUGUST

## FIRSTLIGHT SERVICE AT 9:00 A.M.

	Elder Greeters	Ushers	Children's Time
6	Bill Savell, Beth Lazar, Bill Yarborough	Jack Jackson*, Barb & Larry Little, Bobbie Briggs	Olivia Lazar
13	Gabie Kerr, Bryan Kilday, Hayley Lynn	Judy Woods*, Terry Woods, Paul & Denise Vogado	Terri Carroll
20	Chad Rogers, Jenifer Greene, Harry Herrmann	Chrissy Irvine*, Andrew, Jamie, & Will Irvine, Jeff & Marcy Ward	Tracy Luttrell

## TRADITIONAL SERVICE AT 11:05 A.M.

	Elder Greeters	Ushers	Children's Time
6	Michelle Huntoon, Jason Brooks, Kate Clabough	Karen Paxton*, Ann Spencer, Linda Brakebill, Susan Young, Gail Bowlin	Olivia Lazar
13	Brian LaRose, Liz Britt, Tracy Luttrell	Jason Brooks*, Andrea Franks, Bud Gangwer, Barbara Hall, Jeanne Ezell	Terri Carroll
20	Jane Morton, Karen Paxton, John Pittenger	Bill Morton*, Jane Morton, Tom & Eva Carpenter, Mot Krick	Tracy Luttrell

## COMBINED SERVICE ON AUGUST 27 AT 10:30 A.M.

	Elder Greeters	Ushers	Children's Time
27	Olivia Lazar, Bobbie Briggs Bill Savell	Jenn Hardy*, Claude Hardy, Ron & DeAnne Gibbs, Bob & Sue Ramger	Vandy Kemp

\* Head Usher

## WHY I AM GOING TO GUATEMALA

I spent the summer of 1970 as an exchange student in Ecuador. At that time, and probably today, 2% of the population held 90% of the wealth. Only the 2% could consider hosting an exchange student. I saw firsthand what that statistic meant! Some of the images remain among the most vivid of my high school years. The family I lived with was a good family - caring, outgoing; I had the time of my life. It was no more their fault that they were wealthy than it is the fault of the 98% that they are poor. Still, the dramatic difference haunts me today when I think about it.

The first day I arrived I changed clothes and found my old clothes gone a few minutes later. Two hours later, I found them washed, neatly folded sitting on my bed. I was shown the button on the wall to call the live-in maids. YES, maids. There were two—one to cook and one to clean. My family owned a BVD shirt business and the factory where the clothing was made. The workers were paid daily in cash slightly more than my daily allowance for fun stuff.

We lived in Guayaquil, the coastal city. It was packed with apartment buildings bulging with way too many families. On the outskirts the people

lived in grass huts. The home of my family and friends were villas. EVERY Sunday afternoon and evening, when all the maids had their ½ day off, there was a large (50 people or more) party at one of the homes. All the homes were more than large enough to host these parties. Please understand that these people were wonderful, caring people. This was the culture they were born into and the life they appreciated but took for granted, just as young children today don't understand a life without cell phones.

I wondered then and off and on throughout my life what I should have been able to do about the situation. From that experience as a sophomore in high school, I believe I know what to expect when I arrive in Guatemala. I know we won't be changing the fundamental social culture in one week. I will be giving one short week to help out.

*Jeff Pezick*



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## DATES TO REMEMBER FOR AUGUST

6	Teacher Commissioning Promotion Sunday Blessing of the Backpacks Welcome to Worship Begins
21	<i>New Prov Press</i> Deadline
25	Community Benefit Sale
27	<b>Annual Meeting of the Congregation:</b> Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. Coffee Time at 10:00 a.m. One Combined Service at 10:30 a.m. Annual Meeting and Lunch at 11:30 a.m. Money for Manna