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This Month from Pastor Wayne *Providence*

I came across a helpful explanation of the word providence many years ago in the Horizons Bible Study for Presbyterian Women: "Providence is derived from the Latin *pro video*, to see beforehand, denoting the foresight of God." One of the great comforts of the Christian faith is that God is providential—able to see forward, able to map out a plan for all creation.

Despite the claims of fortune tellers and psychics, being able to see forward is not part of our human makeup. We face the future with uncertainty, not knowing what each day will hold. In a world of wars, threats of terrorism, reports of cruelty and vicious attacks on the nightly news, and the everyday fears that confront us, we might long for the ability of *pro video*—to see beforehand.

But providence as *pro video* is not our possession. Providence as *pro video*, seeing beforehand, belongs to God. That same Horizons Bible Study suggested that our experience of providence actually comes from seeing backward: "From our human perspective, providence means being able to look back and say with confidence, 'God has seen to it.'"

The biblical story of Joseph and his brothers illustrates this understanding of providence. Rejected and betrayed by his brothers, Joseph endures slavery, imprisonment, and exile. Yet when it is all said and done, he could look back on his strange and difficult journey and see God's hand at work all along the way. Joseph walked forward into the darkness, not knowing what was before him. Later, he recognized that God had been going ahead of him, preparing a way and working out a plan.

If you have concerns and fears about the future, I offer you this: not the ability or assurance that we know what the future holds, but rather the assurance and comfort that we know the One who holds the future. We cannot see forward. But, wonder of wonders, we can look back.

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Providence by Pastor Wayne

In your concern for the future, look back and see what God has done. See the loosened chains of a people set free from slavery, the waters pushed to the side of the Red Sea, and the manna and quail scattered generously along the desert route. Look back and see a manger, claiming again the good news that our God is *Emmanuel*, the God who is with His children. See the hands of Jesus, hands that were not repulsed by human sickness, weakness, suffering, or sin. See how the hands of Jesus reached out and gave the touch of love and healing to all. Look back and see the cross and the empty tomb, the theater where God won the greatest of victories: conquering sin, death, and all the powers of evil.

Look back and know that every one of God's promises has been answered with a loud AMEN through the person of Jesus Christ. Look back and see that God, true to His word, never leaves nor forsakes his children.

Look back and see how God has provided. Look back and see the providence of God. Then look forward. We cannot see the future. We cannot know the future. But we can trust the One who does know the future. To trust in God's providence is to have faith.

The scriptures tell us faith is "the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." May we live today as people of faith, people whose faith is placed squarely on the shoulders of our loving God. Although we cannot see the future, we can see the past. God is faithful. So put your trust in God. Trust God's plan. Trust God's purpose. Trust God's providence. God will provide.

With love in Christ,

Wayne



Messages for October

October 5: *Come* (Isaiah 55) - World Communion Sunday

October 12: Allan Griffin - Lay Preacher

October 19: *Lord, Teach Us to Trust*" (Luke 12:22-34)

October 26: *Lord, Teach Us to Give Generously* (Luke 19:1-10)

Pears are in peak season in October. Sweet, buttery, and incredibly versatile, pears are a true autumn delight. With many varieties to explore, from the crisp Bosc to the tender Anjou, you're sure to find your perfect match. Try them in a baked treat, poached, or simply sliced and paired with your favorite cheese.



Office Hours

Pastor Wayne Eberly

Mon-Wed
9 AM – 2 PM

Gail Mayers-Tran

Mon-Fri
9 AM – 2 PM

Church Staff

Pastor - Reverend Wayne Eberly

Office Coordinator - Gail Mayers-Tran

Director of Music - Joe Weir

Pianist - Carl Braden

Director of Creative Learning Center - Cathy Gerald

NORTH CAROLINA MISSION TRIP

During the week of October 13–17, APC will send 19 volunteers to partner with Fuller Housing, a program that helps families rebuild after disasters. Our group will be staying at Montreat, a Presbyterian Conference and Retreat Center near Black Mountain, North Carolina, and serving families affected by Hurricane Helene.

Those participating in the mission trip are: Dick Bruns; Grace Burgos; Adrianna Burleigh; Bonnie Carr; Steve Coleman; Gary Denmon; Julie and Wayne Eberly; Andrew, Chris, Marilyn and Matt Friedersdorf; Lizzy Frye; Claudia, Don, Ray and William Nelson; and Kristi Stanley.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN FOR THE 2026 BUDGET

We've had a great year at APC—retiring our sanctuary loan and making great strides toward paying off our roof loan. Now we set our sights on the future. Watch for more information about our Stewardship Campaign for the 2026 Budget.

Our 2026 Theme: From Jubilee to Journey: Grateful! Faithful! Forward!

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Stewardship Campaign 2026



OCTOBER EVENTS



Wednesday, 5:30pm Social * 6pm Dinner

APC Church Supper

Join us for a festive Oktoberfest-themed meal. RSVP is appreciated, but not required. Sign up in the Narthex or email apc@apchumble.org

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Wednesday, 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

CLC Trunk or Treat

Come enjoy an evening of family fun featuring a silent auction, face painting, balloon art, games, a cake walk, hot dogs and pulled pork sandwiches.

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Family Promise at APC

Help support visiting families by signing up in the Narthex to provide dinner, serve overnight, or donate groceries. Questions? Contact Linda Coleman at lilnannyc@live.com.

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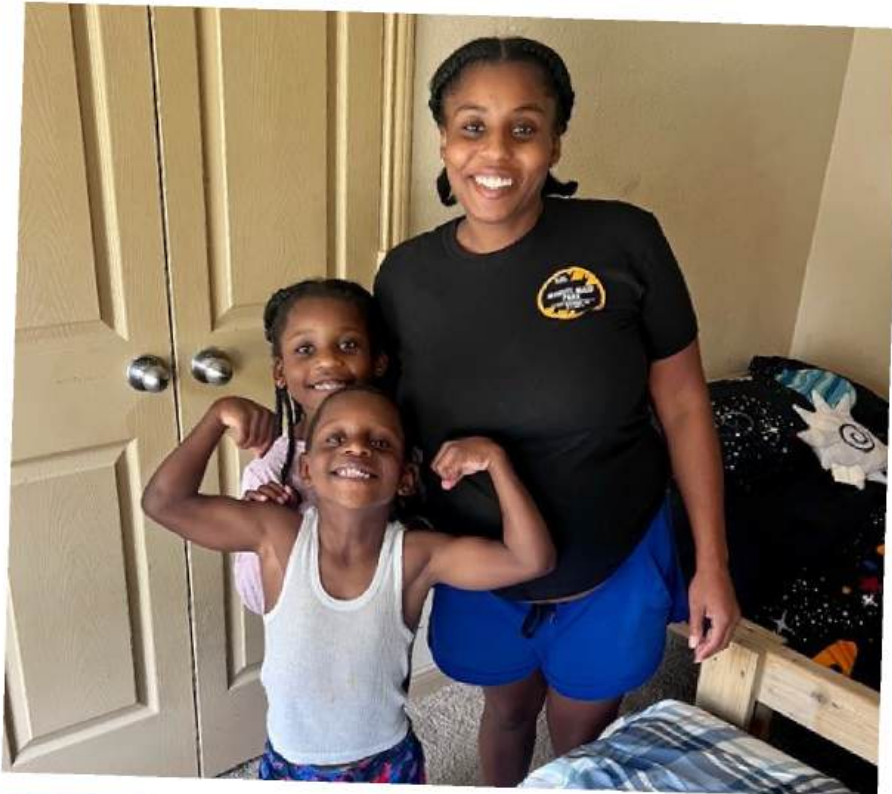


Sunday, 11:30 am (After Worship)

Chili Cookoff

Bring your favorite pot of chili and your best batch of cornbread for a fun and friendly competition! Awards will be given for Judges' Pick, People's Choice, and Best Cornbread.

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Sleep in
Heavenly
Peace -
Sept 6
Delivery

Sept Highlights



Willoughby Baptisms
(Kate & Parker)



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Seniors & Friends



APC Church Supper



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Mission Market Crafters



New Member Luncheon

The Earth Care Team is asking for your input. We'd love to hear from you about APC's environmental efforts! This short survey will help us understand your interests, what you'd like to learn more about, and how you might want to get involved. Visit our church website or use this QR Code to take a short survey.



CLC Volunteer Opportunity: Help make the Truck or Treat event on Wed, Oct 22 a success by decorating a trunk, donating candy or cakes for the cake walk, or volunteering your time. Your support helps create a joyful and festive evening for our community. Thank you for being a part of it! Sign up using the QR code or this link: <http://bit.ly/46Q9Tla>

APC will be hosting a blood drive Sunday, November 9, from 8:30 - 1 pm. Share your blessings by saving a life, donate blood!

Please use the following link or scan the QR code to choose your preferred time slot:
<http://bit.ly/48WJta2>

Join us in giving thanks this season by helping save lives! Donate blood between **Nov 1 - 16, 2025**, and receive a special edition T-shirt.

--Gulf Coast Blood



HAAM

✦ Recent Community Impact

HAAM supported the Humble ISD community event by distributing 1,000 food bags. APC contributed 46 food bags and \$200 to support this effort. In addition, 2,700 students received school supplies.

Graduates from Humble ISD's Barber and Cosmetology program hosted a pop-up barber shop and provided free haircuts to 88 children.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this event a meaningful success!

🦃 2025 COMMUNITY-WIDE SEASONS OF SHARING

Supporting Thanksgiving & Christmas Meals and Gifts

🍁 Thanksgiving Food Drive

HAAM will be preparing holiday food bags to assist families in need. APC is collecting:

- Boxes of Mashed Potatoes
- Packets of Turkey Gravy (no glass jars, please)

Deadline: Sunday, November 2nd

Please bag your donated items and place them in the HAAM Box in the Narthex.

🎄 Christmas Giving

Details will be shared in a future newsletter.

Questions?

Contact George Williams at 281-772-4706

Thank you for your continued support of HAAM and our community!

Sept 2025 Attendance & Offering Summary

2025 Worship Attendance and Offering Summary					
Date	In Person	BoxCast Live	Facebook Live	Total Viewers	Offering Total
7-Sep	99	32	124	255	\$1,956
14-Sep	89	36	120	245	\$1,260
21-Sep	103	29	121	253	\$7,487
28-Sep	96	32	81	209	\$3,145
September End of Month Credit Card Receipts					\$7,166
Total Sept Offerings					\$21,014
Total Offerings for Year-to-date					\$231,875
Budgeted Offerings for Year-to-date					\$271,005



Happy Birthday!

Jenny Ingram - Oct 03
Paul Curtis - Oct 05
Kai Williams - Oct 07
Janet Griffin - Oct 08
Scott Bosard - Oct 10
Brad Wimberg - Oct 11
Michael Burgos - Oct 19

DeeDee Mills - Oct 20
Shirley Williams - Oct 20
Dru Frye - Oct 22
Elise Frye - Oct 24
Matthew Sheppard - Oct 26
Vicki Lasinsky - Oct 29
Ainsley Colescott - Oct 30

HAPPY Anniversary!

Lisa & Shanti Herrington - Oct 14
Roy & Monica Garcia - Oct 21
Jamie & Katie Hannan - Oct 25

