



PROVIDENCE

BAPTIST CHURCH

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Dr. David Jordan

Learning to Live with Disruptions

“I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it.”

Galatians 1:13

Disruption.

This is an important word today. Plans fall apart. The unpredictable happens. The expected gets interrupted unexpectedly. Perspectives shift. People change.

June 12th, 19th and July 3rd, we will explore what the New Testament book of Galatians has to say about disruptions, specifically through the life and testimony of Paul.

His life and all he stood for got turned upside down. His previous understanding of truth and his interpretation of the world he lived in changed in ways he never could have imagined. This would have momentous consequences.

It did then.

It does now.

As we will discover in this series, adjusting to life in changing times can be difficult. For Paul, adjusting to his new reality, his new faith, and his transformed perspective took time. His world, like ours, was in flux.

Change was in the air. Lots of competing philosophies, a multiplicity of perspectives on truth and how to find it, heated conversations about morals and ethics, strong feelings about current issues and how to solve them ... all these and more offered striking parallels to our day.

Passionate debates and unpredictable dynamics swirled around much of that early Christian community's effort to figure out its mission and to remain faithful to God's calling.

Thankfully, we are the glad beneficiaries of Paul's transformation, just as we are to that early community's fidelity to the Gospel. God's sacred initiative of spiritual change for that day did not cease with the writing of the Galatians.

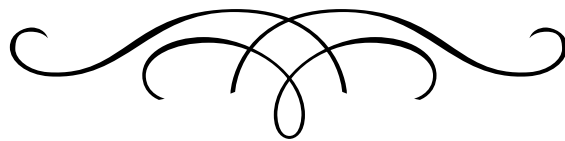
Paul's recounting of his own spiritual journey speaks well to the dynamics of our time precisely because disruptive issues continue. Thankfully, so does God's intervention, inspiration and ongoing guidance for redemptive living in our day.

Let us prepare, listen well and work together for clarity with God's sacred initiative.

Gratefully,

David

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From Your Pastor Search Committee

Twice in the past month I have given updates on the progress of the Pastor Search Committee: once at the Quarterly Church Conference, and most recently at the monthly Deacon's Meeting.

Both times I shared that the committee, like each member of this congregation, would love nothing more than to share that we were calling a new pastor!

Unfortunately, I can't say that yet. But we are getting closer.

We have whittled the candidates significantly, and are in very good conversations! We have been visiting different churches to hear the candidates in person, then meet again to discuss our observations.

This is the time to truly be in prayer ... for several people.

Pray for the committee. Pray for the pastors and their families as they are considered.

Pray for the congregations that might end up losing a beloved pastor.

And finally pray for our staff and congregation as we prepare our hearts for whomever God is preparing to lead Providence!

Grace & peace,
Bunnie Walker
Chair

“Trust the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your path.”
Proverbs 3:5-6

Remember to join with our Providence Family in prayer for the Pastor Search Committee every day at 3:56!



ON RECORD - May 22, 2016

Worship Total:	506
Christian Stewardship	
Average Weekly Requirement	*\$42,823
*The average weekly requirement is the annual budget of \$2,226,774 divided by 52 weeks.	
Revenue and Expenses	
Projected 2016	\$2,226,774
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Revenue Through 5/22	\$764,420
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Expenses Through 5/22	\$727,525
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Net Through 5/22	\$36,894

This Month:

Deacon on Call:

704.366.4030x147

June 1 - 7: Rosalynn Miller

June 8 - 14: Matt Blackwell

June 15 - 21: Bill Fairley

June 22 - 28: Frances King

June 29 - July 5: Susan Jones

Minister on Call:

June 5: Julia Wright (704.458.3710)

June 12: Richard Landers (704.608.3371)

June 19: Timothy Hill (704.641.4270)

June 26: Richard Landers (704.608.3371)



A Day of Celebration

On Sunday, May 22nd, Providence celebrated 62 years of being a church family. We worshiped together. We sang together. We ate together. We even played together. Our congregation reveled in fellowship and camaraderie, the products of a seed planted by our Charter Members six decades ago.

Our celebration was a true blessing, beginning with the lay leadership of acolytes (Mary Claire Smith and Jack Hendrix), to the wonderful words of Margaret Marshall, Mary Ann Crouch and David Arant, to the glorious music offered by our choirs, to an outstanding message on the “Starting Blocks of the Gospel” from Suzii Paynter, executive coordinator of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.



We celebrated first and foremost our gathering to worship the living God ... a God who calls us to “Start Here” with worship. We recognize that many years ago a small group of people decided to “Start Here,” placing their trust in God - and in one another - to form this congregation. But we also celebrated our own “Start Here,” as we launched our new website, a powerful tool that enables us to “Connect People to God in Christ” in a whole new and wonderful way.



Together, we began our 63rd year with a beautiful bang, with new signage and a whole new way to reach into our congregation and out to our community. All in all, it was a pretty special day. It is a true blessing to be a part of Providence Baptist Church.

But What Is It?



Have you wondered? “What is it?”

I’ve gotten that question about our new logo. I will tell you that I have my own personal answer. I will tell you that my fellow staff members have theirs as well. And I will tell you that our associated meanings aren’t exactly the same. But do you want to know what the “RIGHT” answer is? The right answer is that our new logo means “Providence.”

What does a Nike Swoosh mean? Well, it doesn’t really “mean” anything. It doesn’t mean fast, or special, or athletic. The only connection is with Nike - the company. But you THINK of all of those things when you see that swoosh. Why? Because those have been your associations.

We want those who come to Providence to associate Christ, and love and compassion and missions and connections with us. When someone walks in our doors, we want them to see us as Christ followers, striving to share God’s love in our world. When they see our logo, we want them to see Providence - simply by association. So your job is to BE that association. Your job is to show the love of God; to be the hands and feet of Christ; to share your story of faith and to offer grace when needed. In that way, because YOU are Providence, our logo comes to mean all those things.

You can add your own meaning to our new logo if you like. That’s fine. I have. For me, our new logo means a new beginning in Christ. But I’ve heard others associate it with the Trinity. Still others see hands and face raised to God. And I know there are others. You can see it as whatever you like. Your job is to make it personal to you – then make it personal to the world.

Just make it **Providence**.

Summer Sneed

Reflections on Website and Rebranding from Richard

Much work has gone into our new church website. This project was originally assigned to me in 2014 through the Coordinating Council. Moderator Rick Farrell in 2014 and Moderator David Bonheimer in 2015 led the charge. It was a huge task, and it became very obvious that our laity and our staff just could not get this done alone.

In pursuing reputable firms with proven records, I came across Mark MacDonald, owner of *BeKnown for Something*. His expertise and reputation are stellar. With the help of designated funds and budget assistance, we were able to fund the much-needed Providence website overhaul.

Many thanks to those who listened and responded in focus groups, and to those who gave feedback and asked questions. Finally, following extensive research and planning, it was clear we were ready to go to the next level. It was time to make decisions. Moderator Charlie Jones and Deacon Chair Tom O'Neal helped facilitate input through the Council and the Deacons. Once this step was completed, the decision became clear. I am very appreciative of our lay leadership's support!



on the lion's share of tasks. We could not be where we are today without her diligence and expertise!

Assisting her were the ministers and administrative staff, but special recognition is given to Jim Tucker and George Mulley for their expertise in computer software and insight.

Providence Baptist Church is the best place you can be!
"Start Here" every week!

Continued blessings,

Richard Landers
Church Administrator



I would be remiss not to mention KUDOs for all those that have strived diligently to launch our new website and rebranding. Mark MacDonald and his company lived up to and exceeded their reputation.

Our very own Summer Sneed (Communications Manager) was outstanding during the entire project. While juggling her many other regular duties, she remained focused



“Come Sing” Summer Choir

Beginning June 12th, the Sanctuary Choir is extending an open invitation to “come sing!” All are welcome! We will be singing familiar songs that only require a 30-minute warm-up each week (schedule below). We’ll also be “disrobed” ... so let’s start the summer off right; let’s “Start Here” with music and worship!



Rev. Timothy Hill

June 12, 19 and 26:

Warm-Up in the choir room at 10:15am

July 3 - Sept 4 (one service):

Warm-Up in the choir room at 10:00am

The one exception will be July 17 when the High School Choir will be singing in worship as part of a commissioning service before their mission trip.

Peace be with you.

Tim

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June Sunday Worship

Sunday, June 5

8:30am: Dr. David Jordan, Lord’s Supper

“Well Watered Gardens”

Isaiah 58:9b-14

11:00am: Baccalaureate Service

Sunday, June 19

8:30 and 11:00am, Dr. David Jordan

“Testimonials of Transition”

Galatians 2:7-14; 19b-20

Moment of Baptist History: Soul Freedom and the Autonomy of the Local Church

Sunday, June 12

8:30 and 11:00am, Dr. David Jordan

“Disruptive Issues; Sacred Initiatives”

Galatians 1:11-24

Moment of Baptist History: Believer’s Baptism

Sunday, June 26

8:30 and 11:00am, Rev. Brent Walker

Executive Director, Baptist Joint Committee

Combined 10:30am summer worship services begin JULY 3rd.

For more information contact Tim Hill at 704.366.4030x123 (thill@providencebc.org), Diann Clark at 704.366.4030x122 (dclark@providencebc.org), Leigh Ann Hughes at 704.366.4030x121 (lhughes@providencebc.org) or Debra Wallace at (debrabwallace2241@gmail.com).

Congratulations to our Recent College Graduates

Michael Edwin Browne

University of North Carolina at Charlotte
(summa cum laude)
Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice
with a minor in Psychology

Lindsay Alyssa Clouse

North Carolina State University (summa cum laude)
Bachelor of Science in Accounting
with concentration in Financial Analysis
Valedictorian for Poole College of Management
Poole College of Management Board
of Advisors Outstanding Student Award

Austin Edward Daniels

University of North Carolina at Wilmington (cum laude)
Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science

Bryan DuBose Daniels

University of Tennessee
Master of Music in Instrumental Conducting

Hannah Elizabeth Dotson

University of South Carolina
Bachelor of Arts in Public Health
with a minor in Business Administration

Anna Lail Drewry

Lipscomb University (magna cum laude)
Bachelor of Science in Integrated Studies:
Ministry and Management

Sara Catherine Fairley

Carson Newman College (summa cum laude)
Bachelor of Science in Accounting

Luke Padgett Hedrick

Georgetown University (cum laude)
Bachelor of Science in Neurobiology
with a minor in Spanish

Morgan Hannah Houchins

Bucknell University (double major)
Bachelor of Arts in International Relations
Bachelor of Arts in Spanish

Catherine Marie Jackson-Jordan

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
(Graduation with Distinction)
Bachelor of Arts in Global Studies
with minors in Journalism and Hispanic Studies
Buckley Public Service Scholar

Elizabeth Anna Marshall

Davidson College (magna cum laude)
Bachelor of Arts in History
with a minor in Environmental Studies

Cayce Meaghan Martin

Gardner-Webb University
Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Management

Katherine Rebecca Schweitzer

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
(Graduation with Distinction)
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology
with a minor in Social and Economic Justice

Claudia Grace Shoemaker

Appalachian State University (December 2015)
Bachelor of Science in Political Science

Annie Ryan Spence

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education

Kathryn Westbrook Weathers

University of North Carolina at Charlotte (cum laude)
Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education
with a minor in Urban Youth and Communities

Hayley Marie Williams

King's College
Associate of Applied Science
in Travel and Tourism Management

The Fun Will Start Here!



“Cowabunga!” It’s time for Vacation Bible School!

We are looking forward to teaching the children of our church and community about God’s amazing love. During this important week, children will learn that God creates, God helps, God loves, God calms, and God sends. And in the process, children will have FUN!

We will have crafts, recreation, surfin’ songs, yummy snacks and more!

It’s not too late to volunteer OR attend! Register at www.providencevbs.org.

“Start Here” to help!

Invite your friends, neighbors and grandchildren!

Vacation Bible School is the week of June 20th - 24th from 9:00am - 12:00 noon. Children ages rising K - 5th grade completed are invited to join us. You may register online at www.providencevbs.org. Before and after care are offered for a small fee.

Volunteer your time!

We still need help in almost every area. We especially need folks to help with hospitality and greeting. If you can give an hour each day from 8:30am - 9:30am, please let Julia Wright know at jwright@providencecbc.org.

Offer snacks to our volunteers!

Our volunteers love the break room where they can pick up a tasty treat and refresh with some water or coffee. If you can bring snacks one day, please email Sheila Winborne at shewilwin@carolina.rr.com.

Pray for our week!

Pray that God’s spirit will be at work among us as we seek to touch the hearts of children with God’s love.

The surf’s up! Get ready to ride the waves of Bible School!

It’s Not Too Late - Children’s Summer Day Camps

With summer upon us, we’ve got great recreational opportunities for children in day camps.

Summer Schedule:

- June 27 - 31: Basketball Camp
- July 5 - 8: Flag Football Camp
- July 11 - 15: Camp Everything
- July 18 - 22: Music Day Camp
- July 25 - 29: Soccer Day Camp
- August 1 - 5: Cooking Camp



Our camps are for children in K - 5th grade completed and are from 9:00am - 1:00pm. We do offer an early morning drop off option. Call Kristen Hendrix in our Children’s Ministry Office for registration and fee information at 704.366.4030x125.

We hope we will see your child in camp! Bring a friend with you!

Congregational Intern - Summer 2016

It is with great joy that we welcome Catherine Jackson-Jordan back to Providence this summer for another internship with our ministry team. Catherine is a recent graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and she is looking forward to the fall when she will be doing a ministry internship in New York City.

In the meantime, Catherine will spend nine weeks in ministry in her home congregation. This summer, she will serve as the assistant director in our children's day camps, leading staff and children involved in that ministry.

In the afternoons, Catherine will devote her time to pastoral care with our senior adults. Catherine will also be involved in congregational life as she attends meetings, teaches Sunday School and leads in worship.

This internship is funded through a partnership between the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and Providence Baptist Church.



Photo by Jim Tucker



Every Drop Stays Here. Saving Local Lives.

Be a Real-Life Hero! Save a Life

Donate Blood on Father's Day
 Sunday, June 19th
 9:30am-12:30pm

Community Bloodmobile
 Providence Baptist Activity Center
 Parking Lot

Make appointments at www.cbcc.us.
 Walk-ups are welcome.
 Complimentary t-shirt.

Providence SOFTBALL



Women's Softball Tournament!

Aubrey Arant Fields
 Saturday, June 12th

Come join the fun as our women team up and battle for the title "Women's Champions!"

Want to play? Contact Sarah Blackwell at sbblackwell@msn.com.

Men's Softball League!

Contact Randy Ballard at 704.366.4030x133.

Season starts on Monday, June 13th.

Runs through mid-August.

Baptist History Comes to Life

Guest Preacher, Sunday June 26th

Rev. Brent Walker

Executive Director
Baptist Joint Committee in Washington, D.C.

We will welcome Rev. J. Brent Walker to our Providence Pulpit on Sunday morning, June 26th, during both worship services. Rev. Walker is the Executive Director of the Baptist Joint Committee in Washington, D.C.

Rev. Walker is both a member of the Supreme Court Bar and an ordained minister. He leads the Baptist Joint Committee as it upholds the historic Baptist principle of religious liberty, defending the free exercise of religion and protecting against its establishment by government.

Published widely, Rev. Walker routinely speaks in churches, educational institutions and denominational gatherings, and provides commentary on church-state issues in the national media. He will be retiring as the Executive Director at the end of this year.

Our own Claudia Shoemaker just finished an internship at the Baptist Joint Committee last month. Our students have also toured the Baptist Joint Committee when they served in the area during mission trips.

We are pleased to welcome Brent and the legacy of the Baptist Joint Committee to Providence on June 26th!

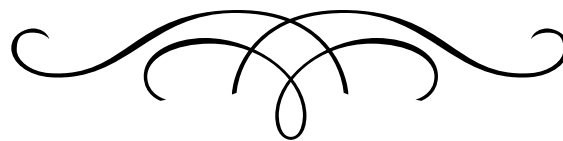
Moments of Baptist History

In preparation for Rev. Brent Walker's visit on Sunday, June 26th, Dr. David Jordan will be sharing "Moments of Baptist History" during worship.

The four primary tenants of Baptist life are:

- Soul Freedom
- Autonomy of the Local Church
- Believer's Baptism
- Separation of the Church and State

Each will be covered briefly but thoroughly, so that we can be reminded where Baptists began, why they took the important stands they did, and why those same principles remain vital today.



In Appreciation

Dear Church Family,

Words are inadequate to express my appreciation for the love and support you have given me in the past few months. I have felt your prayers, enjoyed your hospitality of food, visits and cards. The flowers I have received have brightened my home and my days. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Jane Truesdel and Family

In Sympathy

Lanny Brown in the loss of his step-father, Leon Overcash.

Martha Iley in the loss of her grandson Joshua McLean and her sister-in-law Alma Iley Morris.

Mary Catherine Dees and family in the loss of her grandmother Mary Jane Smith.

Join us for Fun!



**Surf into
Summer!**

Wednesday, June 8
5:30 pm
Gazebo Area

Enjoy food from Encore Catering (\$\$) of the Community Culinary School of Charlotte and enjoy some summertime fellowship with your Providence church family.

Activities will be provided for children.
Bring your lawn chair and blankets and join in the fun!

New Members



Janet Veronen joined Providence on May 15th. She is moving her membership from a church in Salisbury, Maryland. Welcome, Janet!

From the Senior Adult Committee...

To our faithful Primetimers Luncheon attendees, a huge THANK YOU for your support at our monthly luncheons and road trips during this past year. Without your continued support, we would not be able to enjoy the great fellowship, delicious food and enjoyable entertainment each month.

May 19th was the last Primetimers luncheon until September. We said good bye to Carrie Lee Arant, our Senior Adult Intern, who will be heading to Calgary, Alberta, Canada for a year of Bible study. The program was full of laughter and tears!



To those of you who have yet to attend a Primetimers Luncheon, mark your calendar now to join us on Thursday, September 15th for the beginning of another great year of fun. The Senior Adult Committee wishes everyone a summer filled with family, friends and safe travels.

We'll see you on Thursday, September 15th.
Your Senior Adult Committee,

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| Inez Arant | Vivian Philson | Dawn O'Neal |
| Jesse Oxendine | Marlyn Morton | Louise Warren |
| George Crouch | Dan Simon | Wilna Eury, Chair |



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Baccalaureate

*Sunday, June 5th at 11:00am
Providence Sanctuary*



Surfing into Summer

*Wednesday, June 8th at 5:30pm
Aubrey Arant Fields*



Blood Drive

*Sunday, June 19th, 9:30am - 12:30pm
Activity Center Parking Lot*



Vacation Bible School

*June 20th-24th, 9:00am - 12:00pm
Providence Campus*

Next Connections is July 1, 2016.

Deadline for submitting articles,
photos, announcements, etc, is
Noon, Wednesday, June 15th.
Articles should be 350 words or less.
Email your submissions to:
ssneed@providencebc.org.
Thank you!



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