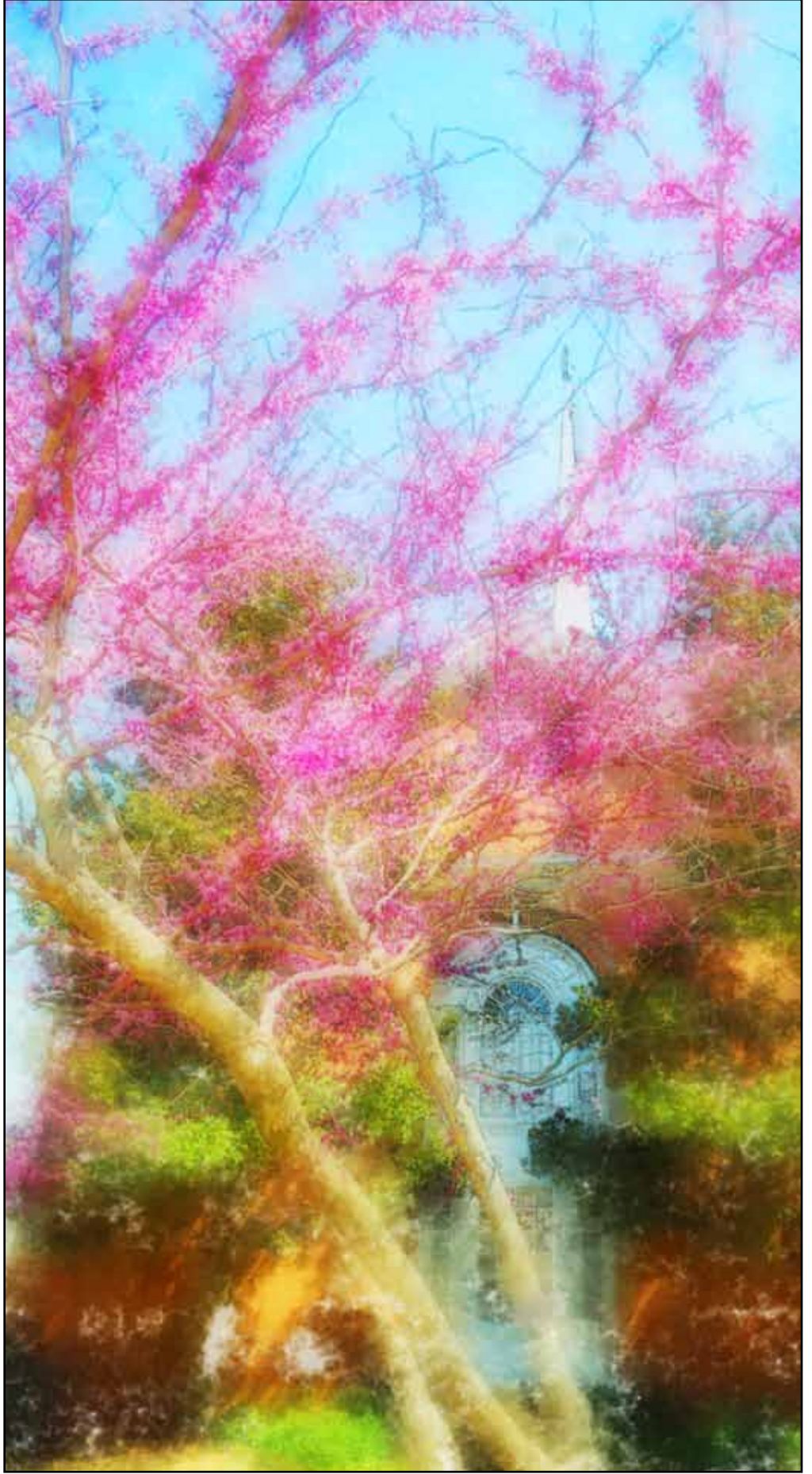


CONNECTIONS





Dr. David Jordan

The Easter Quest for Justice

*You have not strengthened the weak, you have not healed the sick,
you have not bound up the injured, you have not brought back the strayed,
you have not sought the lost.*

Ezekiel 34:4

Prevailing wisdom generally asserts that no one is truly altruistic; everyone has an agenda or is working some kind

of angle for personal gain. And yes, sadly, it is also true we Christians often talk a better game than we play.

But let's look at the biblical prophets for a moment. The cause they served and the messages they preached were largely on behalf of the overlooked - those who had no voice of their own. The above text from Ezekiel is a good example. And it is much of this thought and concern that also serves as the precursor to the cause of Jesus.

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor" (Luke 4:18-19 quoting Isaiah 61:1-2).

There was no money to be made or political influence to be peddled by such stances. These were not popular proclamations with those who controlled the power. Consequently, those who proclaimed them often met with less than desirable ends.

Similar perspectives rang out from the voices of Amos, Hosea, Jeremiah, and Micah. And, from the Christian perspective, their combined concerns were best and most fully embodied in Jesus. It has been God's desire from the beginning of Abraham's call (Genesis 12:1-3) that the same should be embodied in us - to humbly carry on the call, the perspective of the prophets, and the Spirit of Jesus.

Much of what we celebrate in Easter goes far beyond Jesus' conquest of physical death. Easter also confirms Jesus' concerns, affirms his mission and allows us to hear God's clarion "Yes!" to Jesus' stance for justice and truth in spite of the consequences. This is our model of ministry as Christians.

But the Bible is also realistic about our abilities, and the many distractions offering us convenient excuses. Therefore, we hear less in the Bible about heroes of the

faith and those who succeeded with no struggles; we hear more about people like Jacob, Leah, Cain, and Adam and Eve. In other words, we hear about mistake-ridden people just like us.

We all can and should do better. But the failings of Christian people, all of us human to the core, never dull the flame of God's dream. From each generation, God calls new purveyors of hope and justice. There is much to be done - there continues to be much wrong in the world and in our communities. Too many are left out, too many are too busy to know or understand or care. But God's continual message echoes through time: "You have not strengthened the weak, sought the lost..." Followers of Jesus attempt to emulate his thought and action: "...bring good news to the poor...proclaim release of the captives..." (Luke 4:18-19).

As Spring awakens the physical world around, so too may God's call for justice awaken us to compassion - and hopeful action.

Gratefully,

David

Prayer for this Month

Help us, God.

*Guide our considerations
of lifestyle and pleasures;*

*open our eyes to the world around us,
both the beauty and the pain.*

Deepen our concerns;

broaden our compassion;

*use us in kindness and humility
to offer ourselves in your name.*

Amen.

From Your Pastor Search Committee

During the weeks of the Lenten Season, the Pastor Search Committee provided you with a daily prayer guide, emphasizing various focused groups that needed your prayers. It included - but was not limited to - staff members, missions, children, student and adult groups, as well as our committee.

I hope you participated in praying for each of those mentioned, and that you will join me in thanking Sarah Blackwell for being instrumental in preparing the Lenten Prayer Guide for our congregation. Sarah is co-secretary, along with Michael Christian, of the Pastor Search Committee. Together, they keep us organized and informed!

During the month of March, our committee continued reviewing and evaluating resumes of senior pastor candidates. During this process, we began conducting phone interviews, and will eventually be moving to personal meetings and conversations.

The congregation will continue to be updated each month through this publication, or as needed, should any important information need to be shared.

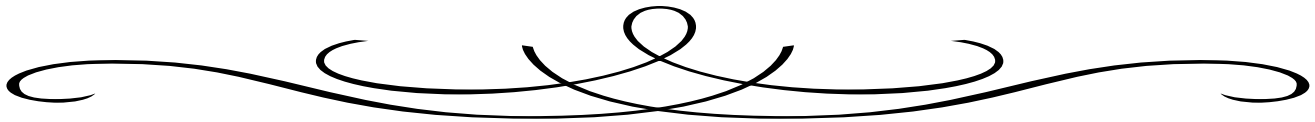
On behalf of the entire committee, I would like to thank the many members who have sent cards, emails, and/or called to offer their words of support, affirmation and love during this time. Special thanks to members of the Coordinating Council and Diaconate who dedicated the flowers on Easter Sunday to the Pastor Search Committee.

Continue to pray for the committee and the process. We know God's hand is guiding us through the journey.

Grace & peace,
Bunnie Walker
Chair



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



ON RECORD - March 20, 2016

Worship Total:	502
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 3/21	\$461,591
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Expenses	
Through 3/21	\$413,375
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Net	
Through 3/21	\$48,216

This Month:

Deacon on Call:

704.366.4030x147

March 30-April 5: Judy Taylor

April 6-12: Bob Tunstall

April 13-19: Ron Weathers

April 20-26: David Arant

April 27-May 3: Jessica Aycock

Minister on Call:

April 3: Richard Landers (704.608.3371)

April 10: Andy Smith (704.763.9475)

April 17: Julia Wright (704.458.3710)

April 24: David Jordan (704.724.2766)

May 1: David Jordan (704.724.2766)



Oneness of Worship

In his first letter to the Corinthians, the Apostle Paul takes aim at some of the divisions in the worship of the early church. There were many issues related to the conduct of the Corinthians when they gathered for worship and in their daily lives. Simply put, they were “out of step with the Gospel.” Paul, attempting to “re-sync” their ekklesia, continually emphasizes how the church, made up of many different parts, should strive to work together for the edification of the body of Christ.

Perhaps the early church had questions of who was going to lead the hymn, or if there should be piano and organ, or if maybe the guitarist should just lead. OK, well maybe those weren't the questions, but perhaps you get the idea. Churches throughout history have continually tried to “worship better,” or return to the orthodoxy (right practice) of worship. If you're not sure of the validity of that statement, consider that there are well over 300 Christian denominations in the US.

So, I would say people are still searching for the best way to worship. For me, Paul has already given a clear answer for us in 1 Corinthians 14:26. He writes, “What should be done then, my friends? When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done

for building up.” Paul probably knew that some of these early Christians really liked the way they had done things over at the First Jewish Synagogue of Corinth, while others really preferred how things were done just down the road at the Corinth Temple of Believers (ok, I digress).

So Paul made it clear: “Let all things be done for building up.” If we truly believe this statement to be inspired by the Holy Spirit, then we have a clear answer of what our worship should be. And not just at Providence Baptist Church, but in the church universal. As we seek ways to make our worship more about God, I hope you will pray for the building up of the church. After all, it has been said that, “the hunger for God is a gift from God.” May we continue to seek God together through the worship of His church.

Soli Deo Gloria,

Tim



Rev. Timothy Hill

Easter People, Thanks

What a joy it is to be EASTER people! I am so grateful to the many choir members and musicians who helped us celebrate Holy Week and Easter here at Providence.

These times of reflection and worship help shape us to live as Easter people, and that joy is made complete in Jesus Christ, the Resurrected Lamb of God!

Post-Easter is a great time to join the Music Ministry. As we begin to turn our attention to summer and Christmas ... yes, I said CHRISTMAS ... we would love to add your voice or instrument to our ministry.

Please let us know how we can make music together!

Worship in April

April 3

Rev. Timothy Hill
Holy Communion, “Peace Be With You”

April 10

Rev. Andy Smith
“The Greatest Commandment”

April 17

8:30am Rev. Kate Perry “The Great Ordeal”
11:00am Children's Sunday

April 24

Dr. David Jordan
“Spiritual Surprises”

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).

AUTOBELL®
car wash



Tickets for Sale in April

Is your car looking a little “over-pollinated?” How about getting an Autobell Car Wash and help a Providence student at the same time!? Students will be selling Autobell tickets this

April in an effort to reduce the individual price of their summer mission trip.

The tickets are \$16, the same price you would pay for a basic wash if you go to any local Autobell, but for this special event, half of what you pay goes directly to offset the student’s mission trip expenses.

These tickets never expire and they make the perfect personal or corporate gift!! Contact Andy Smith (asmith@providencebc.org), Kelly Perrone (kperrone@windstream.net) or any student for your tickets today!

Middle School Madness

Sunday, April 10th
12:00pm - 5:00pm

US National
White Water Center

Cost varies (Free - \$55)



Middle schoolers and their families are invited to join us after worship for a day at the US National White Water Center! We will leave directly after worship and go for some fun and relaxation at the White Water Center.

We will gather in a central spot on the main lawn. Participate in as much (or as little) as you choose. Tickets for any activity can be purchased at the main gate.

Check out www.usnwc.org for a complete listing of activities and pricing. Families are welcomed and encouraged at this event!

Final MissionDays Project!

Sunday, April 17th
12:00pm - 4:00pm
sign up deadline: April 10th

Ronald McDonald House

We need a junior or senior
to host this event.

See Andy if you are interested!!



High School
Sabbath Retreat
April 29-May 1

cost: \$195

Our high school beach retreats are a great tradition at Providence. Each year, on the last weekend of April, we take off to Ocean Isle Beach, NC for a few days of rest.

We rent a few houses, bring some awesome cooks and enjoy a relaxing weekend of worship and fun.

Be sure to sign up early this year to ensure your seat on the bus!

Sign up deadline is April 24th!

For more information contact Andy Smith at 704.366.763.9475 (asmith@providencebc.org),
or George Mulley at 704.366.4030x116 (gmulley@providencebc.org).

Children's Sunday



Sunday, April 17

with

Dr. Heather Potter, Guest Clinician
Sandy Barber, Preschool Music Consultant

Our children are going to "Soar into Song" on Children's Sunday!
Our preschoolers will sing at the Family Breakfast at 9:45am.
Then Sandy Barber will lead a special seminar for parents called "Using Music at Home."

All of our children in Grades 1 - 5 will form a mass choir for the 11:00am worship service. Dr. Heather Potter will rehearse with them at 9:30am and then lead us in worship.

Come and enjoy this special Sunday when we lift our voices in praise to the Lord!

2016 Summer Camps



Register NOW before these camps fill up!
For more information on our camps, pick up a brochure at the Children's Ministry Office or look online at www.providencebc.org.

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| June 20 - 25 | Vacation Bible School |
| June 27 - July 1 | Basketball Camp |
| July 5 - 8 | Flag Football Camp |
| July 11 - 15 | Camp Everything |
| July 18 - 22 | Music Camp |
| July 25 - 29 | Soccer Day Camp |
| August 1 - 5 | Cooking Camp |

Vacation Bible School

Summer begins with Vacation Bible School!

Catch the wave of God's amazing love at the "Surf Shack!"

June 20 - 24

For children in grades rising K - 5th grade completed.

Enjoy surfer-themed music, crafts, science projects, recreation, Bible stories and more!

Extended care available for \$90 per child.

Register your child now online at www.providencevbs.org.



Congratulations Children's Bible Drillers!

We are so proud of these children in Grades 3 - 5 who recently participated in the Church Bible Drill. Bible Drillers learned the books of the Bible, 25 Bible verses and 10 key passages! Way to go!



Hannah Aghjayan



Ashleigh Aycock



Jack Hendrix



Erik Hinson



Peder Hinson



Mary Claire Smith



Noah Wright



Reagan Wright



Max Thomas

Service Opportunities . . .

Middle School Mission Trip



when: June 12 – 18

where: Philadelphia

cost: \$500

Sign up deadline: April 20th

Our Middle Schoolers are going to Philadelphia! This will be our 5th year partnering with Center for Student Missions (CSM), which seeks to provide an effective urban ministry opportunity that transforms lives, influences churches and communities, and honors Christ.

We will be serving at Philly soup kitchens, handing out sandwiches to the homeless, and helping our less fortunate neighbors in a variety of ways.

We have had great experiences with the CSM partnership and are excited about returning to work in their Philadelphia ministry this June. To see more about CSM, including pictures and videos about the ministry, go to www.csm.org.

College Mission Trip

when: May 7 - 13

where: New York City

cost: \$200 + Airfare



Sign up deadline: April 20th

The Providence college students come home from their various campuses and reconnect by serving others! This year our students will be partnering with Metro Baptist Church in Manhattan, New York.

We will serve various communities associated with Metro, and we will also brush off some of those handy construction skills...lots of work awaits. Join us!

****You are responsible for arranging your own travel.**

High School Mission Trip

when: July 15 - 23

where: Asheville

cost: \$500



Sign up deadline: April 20th

The High School Mission trip will focus on several areas of ministry in the Asheville area, giving students different ways to connect with the local community.

Construction: We will be partnering with Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry, renovating veteran housing and their South End community warehouse.

Music: During the trip, the Providence High School Choir will be leading worship at local churches and singing at nursing homes. Whether students are currently involved in choir or not, all those traveling will be involved in these activities.

SportsQuest Sports Camp: We hope to facilitate a sports camp in the local area, free to kids in need.

Interested?

**Know someone
who might be?**

Contact Andy Smith
asmith@providencecbc.org
or call/text 704-763-9475.

or

George Mulley
gmulley@providencecbc.org
or call 704.366.4030x116.

... **For All Ages**

Adult Jamaica Mission Trip



when: July 31-August 7
where: Kingston**
cost: \$1,700

Sign up deadline: April 20th

We will be taking a team of adults to work at the Gardner's View Baptist Church in Kingston, Jamaica. Gardner's View has been the site of several student mission trips.

The team will be focusing on restoring a school building. Work will consist of cleaning, painting, roof repair and general organizing. We will be housed at a local hotel near the airport and meals will be prepared by our friends at Gardner's View.

****You must also have secured a valid passport by May 1st in order to travel with this team.****

Adult New York City Mission Trip

when: October 9-16
where: New York City
cost: \$200 + Airfare



Sign up deadline: September 1st

Adults are invited to New York City for a week of working with our partner church Metro Baptist in the Hell's Kitchen area of Manhattan.

We will partner with several NYC area ministry sites, including the largest food bank in the world, World Vision, and more. We will be housed at Metro Baptist.

You are responsible for arranging your own travel to and from New York City.

Contact Andy Smith (asmith@providencebc.org) if you are interested in joining either of these teams!

Church-Wide Missions



Providence Baptist Church
Missions Work Day

Saturday, April 9th
 9:00am - 2:00pm
 (Lunch will be served!)

Spruce up the Nalley Missions Center with a little bit of paint and elbow grease.

Sign-up in the Rotunda.

Contact

Jay Wright at jfamily11507@gmail.com or
 David Pyatt at dpyatt45@yahoo.com

April Missions Collections Project

Providence is partnering with Charlotte-based Samaritan's Feet to provide tennis shoes to impoverished children around the world.

The humanitarian relief organization's goal is to bring a life-changing message of hope, love and compassion to each child. Volunteers wash children's feet, then provide a new pair of shoes to prevent disease and infections.

Please bring a new pair of tennis shoes to the collection area near the Crouch Fellowship Hall.

Your gift will change a child's life.



Bereavement Ministry - A Special Way to Serve

When tragedy strikes and you've lost a loved one, the last thing you want to think about is how to feed yourself, your family, the host of sympathy givers, and all of the out of town guests who have arrived to support you during your darkest hour. And that is exactly why we have a Bereavement Ministry at Providence!

Eleven years ago, the Diaconate approved the new Ministry and appointed Penny Hewett the Coordinator. So, Penny sat down and "wrote the book" (as it were) on how to serve those grieving, and began what would be a ministry that would touch almost every life in the Providence congregation.

If you haven't been supported by the Bereavement Ministry personally, you've surely enjoyed some of their delicious food and been comforted by their warm, understanding smiles.

The Bereavement Ministry consists of Coordinator Penny

Hewett, Team Leaders (Bonnie Adams and Dorothy Welling; Maxine Dunn and Marie Giles; and Anne Tunstall and Nancy Coppage) and Team Members (about 30 members per team).

The Team Leaders coordinate their Teams for everything from meals delivered to homes for intimate gatherings, to family luncheons in the Crouch Fellowship Hall or receptions for all those attending a funeral service and visitation.

Over the years the process has changed a bit, but when we lose a Providence member, the Bereavement Ministry is ready to serve.

And - as is inevitable - these teams have each lost loved ones within their own groups.



That is when they feel first-hand the support, love and kindness extended by their Ministry.

A mere "thank you" doesn't seem to express the kind of gratitude we as a church family feel for these friends. But it will have to do. So thank you, Team Leaders and Team Members, for stepping in and serving Providence in such a special way.

Your service is a gift of immeasurable proportions.

In Sympathy

Matt Teskey and family in the loss of his grandfather.

Debra Motsinger and family in the loss of her aunt Nettie Gravitte.

The family of Bill Grosch in his death.

Ted Thompson and family in the loss of his sister Sarah Godfrey.

The family of Estelle Jones in her death.

Jane Truesdel and family in the loss of Doug Truesdel.

The family of Berenice Moate in her death.

Darryl Smith and family in the loss of his aunt Sally Jo Bowen.

Michael Hopkins and family in the loss of his mother Jean Harris Crocker.

Paula Settle in the loss of her mother Emogene Settle.

Jennifer Rabon and family in the death of her grandmother Shirley Stanley.

Sam Dennis in the loss of his wife Sarah Dennis.

Pamela James and family in the loss of her cousin Dianne Kirby.

Entertainment for All!



The Kerygma Sunday School Class
Women’s Luncheon

The women of Kerygma met recently
for some fun and fellowship.

The ladies ate at Chuy’s Restaurant
by SouthPark Mall.

Is your class doing something fun? Take a photo and send it to Summer Sneed at ssneed@providencecbc.org!

PRIMETIMERS

Join us for lunch and entertainment
Thursday, April 21st

Featuring Special Guest
Karen Slate

Development Director of the
Baptist Children’s Home of North Carolina

Remember!

Make your reservations by

Sunday, April 17th

Call Sharon Isley at 704.366.4030x211



Women’s Missionary Union
April Meeting

Tuesday, April 5th at 10:00am
Nalley Missions Center

Following a brief meeting, the ladies will leave
at 10:30am for a tour of the
Salvation Army’s Center of Hope.
Following the tour, lunch will be provided
in the Nalley Missions Center.

*Reservations are needed for transportation and lunch.
Call Penny Hewett at 704.552.0622 or Anne Tunstall at
704.567.9593 to reserve your spot!

In Appreciation

Dear Providence family, Thank you, Providence members, for your prayers, cards, calls, visits and concern after my recent fall, surgery and rehabilitation. I look forward to being able to return to church soon! Sincerely, Ruby Hedden

Dear Providence, My father loved the people at Providence and had many happy times serving in so many ways. I know many will miss him there as much as I do here. Thank you for your service in sharing God’s love and witnessing to the Charlotte community and beyond! Sincerely, Kevin Truesdel

Championships All Around!



THEN: Front 1-r: James Hopkins, Vance Ayscue, Cliff Riccardi, Jack Sullivan; Middle 1-r, Mark Sullivan, Mary Wheeler Moyer, Price Pittman, Emma Love; Back 1-r, Larry Sullivan, Frankie Ayscue.

Who knew that when this particular group of boys began playing basketball together 13 years ago that they would win their church league Championship as seniors? The parents cheered, of course. The team of coaches (from then until now) surely saw the potential. The boys certainly craved the BIG WIN. But you have to put all that together into something really special to be crowned champions and go out on top after all those years!

This particular team morphed over the years, gaining and losing a few players. But the core Providence group began playing together when these boys were 5 years old. The team of coaches - beginning with Larry Sullivan, then Bobby Jones and finally Russell Mansfield - nurtured these boys from the time they were little. "I consider it such a privilege and blessing to have had these men invest in my sons," said Jamie Pittman, mother of Price.

"They are terrific coaches and they've had a significant impact on these young lives!"

Surely, the Recreation Ministry is a fantastic outreach to our community, providing opportunities for neighborhood children and families to get involved in Providence activities. But it is an IN-reach as well. "I can only speak as a mother of boys," says Jamie, "but these boys need to be able to spend time DOING things with their peers - not just being - for those connections and relationships to really be developed and nurtured. This is one good way for them to spend quality time with friends."



NOW: Kneeling 1-r: Glenn O'Neal, Jarrett Wright; Standing 1-r: J.D. Dellinger, Trent Alley, Mark Sullivan, Price Pittman, Jack Sullivan, Coach Russell Mansfield, Grant Tatich, Connor Maitland. Not pictured: James Hopkins.

Girls RULE!

How about THIS for a winning program?
Providence Girls' High School Basketball Team:

- Together 3 Years
- Won 35 games; Lost 3
- Won 3 Regular Season Championships
- Won 2 Tournament Championships

But even greater than this record is the reward of friendship. These girls came back each year - some even choosing the Providence team over their school team - to play together and "do life" together.

Providence is blessed with coaches that truly care about their players. Coach Russell Mansfield "could not be more proud" of the girls. Clearly, coaching is a commitment of time and energy. But his investment in these young lives makes all the difference to the girls and to the team. Even without a coach these girls would have a great time playing together. But give them Coach Mansfield and you've got CHAMPIONS!



Kneeling 1-r: Anna Mansfield, Olivia Porter, Lily Porter; Assistant Coach Catherine (Shoemaker) Trahan; Standing 1-r: Serra Yigiy, Paige Lally, Sarah Mansfield, Coach Russell Mansfield, Mickaela Murphy, Kristen Nixen, Assistant Coach Kelly Kalajian. Not pictured: Jillian Eisel.

If you haven't gotten involved in one of the many activities Providence has to offer, consider researching some recreation options now. We have something for everyone, from the youngest soccer player to the most mature yoga enthusiast.

Start your search here and just see where it takes you!

Who knows? Perhaps a championship is in YOUR future.

Fellowship Meal

April 6th

Chicken Picatta
Orzo Pasta with Alfredo Sauce
Roasted Vegetables
Garlic Bread
Chocolate Tiramisu

April 13th

Meat Loaf
Creamed Potatoes
Green Beans
Yeast Rolls
Banana Pudding

April 20th

Chicken Tamale Pie
Beef Enchiladas
Red Beans
Cilantro-Lime Rice Pilaf
Chocolate Tres Leches

April 27th

Beef Pot Roast
Roasted Potatoes and Carrots
Green Beans
Corn Muffins
Key Lime Pie

May 4th

Pizza Extravaganza
Antipasto Salads

May 11th

Fried Chicken
Macaroni and Cheese
Broccoli Casserole
Biscuits
Peach Cobbler with Ice Cream

Each meal also includes a salad bar and pizza bar (for those with a more “discriminating” taste).

\$7.50/Adults, \$6.50/Seniors,
\$5.00/Children, \$25 Max Family

Wednesday Nights

“A Brief History of the Bible”

Have you ever wanted to know more about the Bible?

How we got it?

Where it came from?

What influences affected what was written when?

If you are interested in anything about these life-shaping scriptures, you need to be in this class!

The series began in March, but continues April 21st, 28th and May 4th.

Join us in the Crouch Fellowship Hall and learn a thing or two...

A Special Treat!

Join Carrie Lee Arant Wednesday, April 7th and Wednesday, April 14th for her final Bible study series as our Senior Adult Intern.

Carrie Lee will be taking the helm while Dr. Jordan is in Israel. She’s got a fabulous series prepared for you:

“The Prophets: Weird and Wonderful!”

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Don’t forget the Providence children’s programming available every Wednesday night!

Children’s Choirs begin at 5:45pm

Children’s Missions begin at 6:30pm

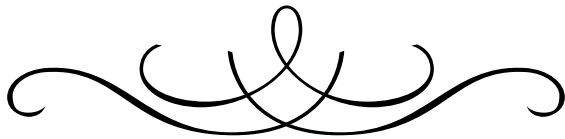
Have your child (or grandchild) join us for music and missions on Wednesday nights and just see what fun they have!

News at Providence



Lauren Stroupe

Welcome Lauren to the Providence staff! Lauren is the new Children's Ministry Preschool Associate. She will begin Sunday, April 3rd, so look for her in the Moss Children's Building! You can reach her at 704.366.4030x138 or email Lauren at lstroupe@providencebc.org.



HELP! We Need Carnival Prizes!

The Rama Road Tutoring program year-end carnival is FAST approaching! We will celebrate with our students at the annual Carnival, Thursday, April 28th. But we need some great prizes!

Look around your home...do you have any of these (or other) items to donate?

- ◆ jewelry for the girls or their moms
- ◆ small toys - no toy guns
- ◆ stuffed animals - gently used or new
- ◆ coffee mugs
- ◆ small household items
- ◆ coloring books
- ◆ items children could use for Mothers' Day gifts
- ◆ items for younger siblings
- ◆ hair bands

(no clothes, please)

Label the items "Mary Ann Crouch" or "Dorothy Welling" and drop them off at the front desk. Better yet, why not drop by the Nalley Missions Center and see what Rama Road Tutoring is all about!? Bring your donation with you! We are here every Tuesday and Thursday at 3:00pm! **Deadline for donations is Tuesday, April 26th.**

**Come hear the
Promisedland
Quartet**

Saturday, April 9th

7:00pm

Providence Sanctuary

Enjoy this free
Southern Gospel concert!

Palm Sunday's Procession of Hope "What a Bounty!"

Thank you, Providence, for your generosity. Our hearts and (as you can see by the photo below) our tables are full!

We collected a "coat load" of warmth on Palm Sunday. Just as the citizens of Jerusalem laid down their cloaks and palms for Jesus, we laid our coats and blankets on the altar, reminding us of Christ's triumphant entry into the city.

All of these items will be given to our partner church Metro Baptist in New York City. They will be used to share the warmth of Jesus' love with those who are in need of physical warmth. Thank you for helping us spread this love!

Got WARMTH?!

76 coats

33 blankets

10 scarves

12 pair gloves

16 hats



Providence Scholarships

Providence is home to an incredibly generous congregation. We are greatly blessed to be able to award two scholarships to our graduating seniors. Both of these scholarships are open for application until May 1st, 2016. Once submitted, the applications are then reviewed by the senior Sunday School class leaders and members of the Youth Committee, who serve as a selection board for both of these scholarship opportunities. The scholarship winners are announced Sunday, June 5th, during the Baccalaureate service.

Any interested graduating senior is invited to apply. All applications are due to the Student Ministry office (physically or electronically) no later than May 1st.



Clark Family Scholarship

The Clark Family Scholarship was established in 2001 by Joel and Heather Clark as a way to reflect their faith, lives and values. The scholarship was set up as a way to recognize an active Providence senior who demonstrates Christian ideals in the church and in the community. The fund provides a \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior from Providence Baptist Church.

While academics are a part of the selection process, this scholarship focuses more on a student's personal and spiritual growth.

An application can be picked up in the Student Ministry office, or it can be emailed upon request.

Elle-J Scholarship*

On April 27, 2014, the Elle-J Scholarship Fund was approved by the Finance Committee. The fund was established by Charlie and Sheila Winborne in honor of their daughters Ellis and Jaclyn. The Winbornes wanted to establish an annual \$500 scholarship that would honor a Providence graduating senior, supporting his or her pursuit of higher education.

Each year, Providence youth workers and students nominate a senior Providence student who shows compassion, acceptance, and tolerance. The student must also step outside his/her comfort zone, seeing all people solely for what is on the inside.

Those who submit recommendations are required to complete a nomination form with examples of how the nominee demonstrates these special characteristics.

APPLY NOW

College
Scholarships

**Note this scholarship opportunity has not yet reached the minimal requirements of endowment status and is only a temporary fund at the current time. If you would like to contribute to this scholarship, to help meet the minimal endowment requirements to make it a permanent scholarship endowment, you may do so at anytime by simply directing your gift to the "Elle-J Scholarship Fund."*

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WMU Meeting

*Tuesday, April 5th at 10:00am
Nalley Missions Center*



Missions Work Day

*Saturday, April 9th 9:00am-2:00pm
Nalley Missions Center*



Children's Sunday

Sunday, April 17th



Rama Road Carnival

*Thursday, April 28th at 3:30pm
Nalley Missions Center*

Next Connections is May 1, 2016.

Deadline for submitting articles,
photos, announcements, etc, is
Noon, Friday, April 15th.
Articles should be 350 words or less.
E-mail your submissions to:
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Thank you!



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