

CONNECTIONS



Takeover Qualities



Dr. David Jordan

*What is the kingdom of God like? And to what should I compare it?
It is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in the garden;
it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches.*

Luke 13:18-19

The Kingdom of God is a big topic, almost incomprehensible. Mustard seeds are tiny things. And yet, Jesus speaks of one with the other, a seed to illustrate a kingdom.

The little mustard seed grows into an interesting plant. In fact, a mustard plant has (as one scholar describes it) “remarkable takeover qualities.” Mustard plants infiltrate everything, take over the soil, grow like crazy. They are terrible for a garden. So Jesus knows that no one would intentionally throw a mustard seed into a garden because it would be ruined for all future seasons. Still, Jesus compares this to the kingdom of God.

And then, Jesus says that the seed “grew and became a tree.” But mustard plants are not trees. Mustard plants are bushes – bright colored, festive, ubiquitous – and low to the earth.

What’s going on here?

Jesus wasn’t wrong. As with most of His parables, His illustration is not meant to be literal, only picturesque and creative, infused with imagination. This is how the tiny seed illustrates the Kingdom – the power of the gospel. Allow me to illustrate:

Martin was from Ghana. He was in a class with me in seminary. In a group discussion one day, he told us why he decided to become a Christian, and then a pastor.

“A man came to my village from England. He was a missionary. For a long time, this man worked with our people, especially the younger people, teaching us to read and write. But the people in our village were so poor, we had no pencils or paper. So every day the missionary man would gather with the young

people of the village, kneel on the ground and trace letters in the dirt with his finger. Over and over, he repeated the name of the letter, the sound the letter made and how these letters fit together in words and sentences.

“And he told us about Jesus.

“In the dirt,” Martin emphasized, “right down in the dirt with us, this man would patiently teach us. That’s how I learned to read. That’s how I learned about Jesus. That’s why I became a Christian. And that’s why I decided to be a minister. I thought to myself, ‘If this man had something in him that so motivated him to sit with this group of poor children far from his home and trace letters in the dirt with us, then what he had in his life must be something very special.’ I wanted that in my life, too. I learned that it was called the Gospel.”

Jesus says this is what the kingdom is like – a message so simple that a little boy can understand it; and so compelling that an older man from far away would risk so much for it; and so inspiring, that you and I can continue to be changed by it.

Today, may the power of the Gospel so transform your spirit that you will be more courageous, kind, steadfast, hopeful, humble and overflowing with God’s love. And that little seed will become a lively, living tree; and the birds of the air will joyfully sing in its branches.

I will be excited to hear of the Gospel’s takeover qualities in your life, and how God inspires and uses you this week!

Love, David

From Your Pastor Search Committee

During the Lenten season, the Pastor Search Committee asks you to join us in a daily time of focused prayer. We have created a Lenten Prayer Calendar to use as a guide for all of us to spend time daily in prayer and reflection over the many people and ministries that make Providence a beautiful family of believers.



Our hope is that we can draw closer together as we take time to pray for one another, and that we will feel the prayers of the congregation showered upon each of us.

Included this month is the prayer calendar for February (look on the last page of the newsletter). Another calendar will be included in the March edition of "Connections." Each week, the informational emails from the church will include more specific guidance for each of these prayer requests.

The Pastor Search Committee will continue to take resumes and recommendations through February 15th, and we are reviewing the resumes we have already received. At this time of many significant decisions, we appreciate your prayers greatly.

Grace & Peace,
Sarah Blackwell, Co-Secretary



"Trust in 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

ON RECORD - January 24, 2016

Worship Total:	494
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 1/24	\$118,181
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Expenses	
Through 1/24	\$70,089
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Net	
Through 1/24	\$48,092

This Month:

Deacon on Call:

704.366.4030x147

January 27-February 2: Mike Walker

February 3-9: Steve James

February 10-16: A.J. Morton

February 17-23: Carrie Query

February 24-March 1: Ken Rogers



Minister on Call:

January 31: Andy Smith (704.763.9475)

February 7: Richard Landers (704.608.3371)

February 14: David Jordan (704.724.2766)

February 21: Julia Wright (704.458.3710)

February 28: Timothy Hill (704.641.4270)

Family Missions



Souper Bowl of Caring!

Sunday, February 7th

Help us care for our hungry neighbors on the biggest sporting day of the year!

We are joining with youth across the nation to sponsor a local “Souper Bowl of Caring” event. At the end of both worship services on this SUPER Sunday, we will take an offering that will be given to feed our hungry Charlotte neighbors. Come prepared to give a dollar to the soup pot and make a difference in someone’s life.

Every dollar given will be used to fight hunger locally through the Second Harvest Food Bank. Second Harvest uses the money to buy food for the working poor and the impoverished in the Charlotte area.

Super Soup Lunch

Sunday, February 7, 12:00pm

For children, youth and their families

Reservations are required.

A special SOUP lunch will be provided for children, youth and their families following the 11:00am worship service on Sunday, February 7th. So join us for lunch! (High School Choir will begin at 1:00pm following the Super Lunch. All youth are encouraged to attend!)



Reservations are required, so call Kristen Hendrix at 704.366.4030x125 to make sure there **IS** “soup for you!”

A “Souper” Young Man



Jarrett Wright

The Souper Bowl of Caring takes hours of planning. And it can only be successful if there are dedicated and enthusiastic people determined to make it happen. This year, that person is Jarrett Wright. Jarrett is representing Providence on the National Advisory Board of the Souper Bowl of Caring.

Jarrett traveled to the national office twice for planning meetings and is coordinating various Providence groups for their involvement in the 2016 Souper Bowl of Caring.

It has taken hours of preparation and great dedication to coordinate this massive effort. Thanks to Jarrett, it will be a huge success, and we can be proud of our efforts to feed our hungry neighbors in Charlotte.

Jarrett is a junior at Ardrey Kell High School and is the son of Jay and Julia Wright.

We would **LOVE** for you to join us!

Sunday, February 14th
4:00pm - 5:00pm

“How to Really Love Your Child”
 and
 “How to Really Love Your Teen”



Join Julia Wright and Andy Smith as they walk us through “How to Really Love Your Child” and “How to Really Love Your Teen,” written by Dr. Ross Campbell. Dr. Campbell is an authority on parenting and family life issues. He helps parents understand the emotional needs of children and teens. These parenting sessions will give practical tips on how to love your children in ways that can be received and returned!

Child care will be available during these sessions by reservation only.

Call Julia Wright at 704.366.4030x140.

BONUS: Enjoy a Valentine's night out!

Extend your child care from 5:00pm - 6:30pm for \$8 per child
 and take advantage of this opportunity for some quality adult time!

RSVP TODAY to secure your night out!

4th Grade Coon Hunt

Our 4th Grade Sunday School class (and their parents) recently enjoyed a cold evening in the woods trying to tree a raccoon. This annual tradition is a highlight of the 4th grade year. What does “coon hunting” have to do with spiritual formation, you ask? Children learn faith through relationships with faith-filled adults.

Being out in the woods, on a hike or rappelling, gives children the opportunity to develop stronger relationships with their adult teachers. A child begins to see that “if Mr. Harold believes in following Jesus, then I can, too.” Thanks to Burt Banks, Carl Brooks, Harold Eddins, Greg Simmons and Karen Wright for being the faith-filled adults who are teaching our 4th graders.

(Oh, and just so you know...No raccoon was injured during this trip...)



Vote for Your Favorite!

Chili Cook-Off

Sunday, February 28th

12:00pm

immediately following worship



Crouch
Fellowship Hall
\$5.00 per person

Mission Days 2016

A New Way to Look at Missions!

We're thinking "outside the box" in Student Ministries. In the past, we have asked Providence students to participate in fundraising events in order to raise money for our summer mission trips. This year, instead of asking our students to do nominal tasks (like spreading pine straw, collecting auction items, or selling Christmas trees), we are asking them to take their energy and commitment and put it to work through hands-on mission projects within our community.

Essentially, we've replaced fundraising with missions. Instead of 60 students putting in 12 hours each spreading pine straw, we're asking those same 60 students to put in 12 hours on the local mission field.

Our students will volunteer with local agencies on projects within our community, or they will volunteer helping Providence church members who are in need. Each activity will be initiated and led by one of

Middle School Madness

Once a month we take our middle school crowd out for a day of fun and community. We offer transportation for the first 25 students (additional drivers always welcome)! Some events do incur a ticketing fee, but we do our best to keep cost low.

Families are always welcome to join us and we always need more adults on these events. It's a great way to get plugged in and to be part of students' lives! Come be a part of something special!

Winter/Spring Schedule

February 21: Game Day at Providence
March 13: Charlotte Checkers Hockey Game
April 10: Family day at U.S. White Water Center
May 15: Knights Game

(or a small group of) our high school students. These students (working with the Student Ministry Office) will serve as the main point of contact to facilitate various mission projects.

If students want to receive any Providence funding for mission trips, they must complete at least three of the six Mission Day activities. We have set aside three Saturday mornings and three Sunday afternoons, and each activity has a 4-hour commitment.

Students must serve the entire day to get credit for that day. To participate, students must sign up (online or on the youth hall bulletin board) the Sunday prior to the event. (This ensures we have enough work, supplies, etc., to go around.)

Encourage your students to get involved and sign up for any of the Mission Days. If you have ideas for mission work, be sure to whisper them to one of our students - they will take it from there!

Saturday, February 13: Jarrett Wright - Loaves & Fishes

Sunday, February 28: TBD

Saturday, March 12: TBD

Sunday, March 20: TBD

Sunday, April 17: TBD

For more information contact Andy Smith at 704.366.4030x118 (asmith@providencebc.org), Amy Shoemaker at 704.366.4030x116 (ashoemaker@providencebc.org) or Tim Hill at 704.366.4030x123 (thill@providencebc.org).

The “REAL” Reality of Change

As I thought about what I could share this month, my mind kept coming back to one subject: CHANGE. It’s something we’re all familiar with. Changes in leadership, jobs, houses ... the list could go on and on. For me, I’ve experienced more change in the past two years than perhaps at any other time in my life. Probably the only thing I haven’t changed is my hairdresser. But perhaps it’s not the actual change that people fear. After all, change is a constant in our lives – something is always in flux, and most times – we can’t control it.



Rev. Timothy Hill

The symptoms that accompany change are actually the things that can drag us down. We experience anxiety, worry, fear ... not because something is changing necessarily, but rather we are unsure of what will happen – or perhaps even more so, how this change will change us! We can no longer see our future clearly, and that scares us!

When I think back to the story of Joshua (following the death of Moses), I wonder if the people feared change. Moses had led these people for many, many years – and now Joshua is to continue where Moses left off, leading them to fulfill the ancient promise. But what if Joshua didn’t do things like Moses? (I heard Joshua really liked praise choruses, and everyone knows Moses was a hymn singer.) In this great story, we see the torch of God passed ... and it does not go out. Yes, inevitably, there was doubt and fear, but God’s commission to Joshua and the Israelites was and is clear:

“Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

God is with us in our fear and doubt.

God is with us in the search for a new Pastor.

God is with us in address changes, life changes, ups, downs, ins and outs ...

God is with us.

May these lyrics from “Be Still, My Soul” remind us that God, our sustainer, is bigger than any change we might fear:

“Be still my soul: your God will undertake to guide the future as in ages past ... in every change, God faithful will remain.”

Providence Altar Guild

Recently, we heard a sermon series entitled “What Mean These Stones.” In the series, Roger Paynter spoke of the major pieces of furniture in the sanctuaries of most churches: the Table, the Pew, and the Pulpit. These very important icons distinguish the space as sacred.

But there are numerous other things that help bring in beauty to the sanctuary: candles, flowers, paraments, ornaments, etc. For most Baptist churches, the care, replacement and general upkeep of such things has fallen to the clergy or church staff. The worshipful attention to detail has simply become another task. I am excited to announce that this will no longer be the case at Providence!

A wonderful team has been formed to care for and minister through the beautification, upkeep and decoration of God’s house – the Providence Altar Guild.

Altar guilds are Anglican in nature, but historically Christian. The work of the Altar Guild is true liturgical ministry - a gift of time and talent to serve God in His house. It is a very great privilege to serve God in this way. The care and decoration of God’s house should be done with sincere devotion and dignity to the greater glory of God.

We are so grateful for the willing hearts and hands dedicated to preserving the beauty of God’s house at Providence.

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with Thy most gracious favor, and further us with Thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify Thy holy Name, and finally, by Thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer

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

Fellowship Meal

February 3

- Chicken Gumbo
- Steamed Rice
- Grilled Sausages
- Pizza and Salad Bar
- French Bread
- Bread Pudding and Mini Beignets



February 17

- BBQ Sliced Pork Loin
- Corn Pudding
- Broccoli Casserole
- Pizza and Salad Bar
- Yeast Rolls
- Pineapple Cake

February 10

- Baked Salmon
- Roasted Yukon Gold Potatoes
- California Blend Veggies
- Pizza and Salad Bar
- Corn Muffins
- Lemon Chess Pie

February 24

- Country Style Steak
- Creamed Potatoes
- Green Beans
- Pizza and Salad Bar
- Yeast Rolls
- Chocolate Cake (Buttercream Frosting)

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

Wednesday Night Studies

February 3 “Navigating Social Security for Seniors” *Crouch Fellowship Hall*

Having trouble deciphering the how and whats of Social Security Planning? Join us February 3rd for Pete Hunt’s important presentation. He will cover when to apply, spousal benefit strategies, and important rule changes you need to know. There will be time for Q & A!

February 10 “Ash Wednesday Service” *Providence Sanctuary*

Join us in the Sanctuary for this meaningful beginning to the Lenten season. Beautiful music and a special message will prepare your hearts for the 40 days of Lent.

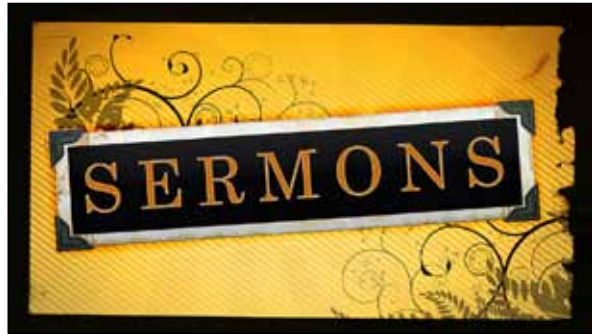


February 17, 24 and March 2

- “Sunday School on Wednesday”
- “The Final Acts of Acts”

Jim Stump (Room 2105)
 Carrie Lee Arant and Dr. David Jordan (CFH)

Sundays in February



February 7:

Dr. David Jordan
 “Transfiguration of the Lord”
 Baptism (11:00am) and Communion

February 14:

Marc and Kim Wyatt
 CBF Missionaries
 “Heart for Missions”

February 21:

Dr. Jim McConnell
 Professor, Gardner-Webb University
 “Who Are You?”

February 28:

Dr. Gail O’Day
 Dean, Wake Forest University

Communion

The first Sunday of every month, Providence Baptist Church will celebrate the sacrament of Communion during each service.

Join us as we *“Do This in Remembrance.”*



April 8-10
 William Black Lodge
 Montreat, NC

“How to Simplify
 Your Life”

Guest Speaker, Devita Parnell (CBF)

Cost: approximately \$200
 (covers food and lodging)

Join other Providence women for a time
 of renewal and relationship building.

Sign-ups begin in February.

**Pancake
 Supper**

Tuesday, February 9th
 5:00pm - 6:30pm
 \$5 pp / \$25 family max

**Shrove
 Tuesday**



Let the Providence staff serve you as you
 enjoy all-you-can-eat pancakes,
 link sausages and a whole lotta
 “syrup-ey” goodness.

Bring the whole family for a fun night out.

Time to Serve



Mission Trip Informational Meetings

In 2015, the Providence Missions Committee began re-evaluating its short-term mission trip partners and process. Through this endeavor, one thing became abundantly clear: the folks at Providence have a desire to experience hands-on mission opportunities.

In 2016, we are bringing back the tradition of short-term mission opportunities for adults in our community of faith. We will be taking two trips with our existing partners at Metro Baptist Church in the Hell's Kitchen neighborhood of New York City, and Gardner's View Baptist Church in Kingston, Jamaica.

We are having informational meetings about both of these trips in the Student Ministry Common Space (Room # 2305):

Sunday, February 14th at 9:45am

Wednesday, February 17th at 7:15pm

We are excited that Providence adults have the opportunity to strengthen our great partnerships with these new mission opportunities. If you are interested in participating in these adult mission trips, please attend one of the two informational meetings, or contact Andy Smith at 704.366.4030x118.

Mission Trips



Where: Kingston, Jamaica
Gardner's View Baptist Church

Date: May 28 - June 4

Need: Team needed to rebuild and clean school house on Church property

Commitment

Needed: Adults only. Must have valid US Passport. Must attend informational meeting, one team meeting prior to trip and be available for travel the duration of the trip.

Where: New York City
Metro Baptist Church

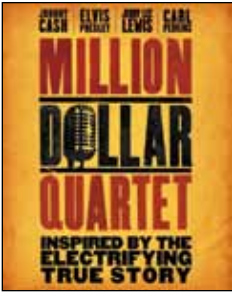
Date: TBD (late August/early September)

Need: Work with existing church ministries and agencies in Manhattan

Commitment

Needed: Adults only. Must attend informational meeting, one team meeting prior to trip and be available for travel the duration of the trip.

Senior Adult Activities - What's Next?



The Senior Adult Committee is working on a fun-filled day trip!

Thursday, May 12th
“The Million Dollar Quartet”
Flat Rock Playhouse

“Million Dollar Quartet” is the new smash hit musical inspired by the famed recording session that brought together rock ‘n’ roll icons Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis and Carl Perkins for the first and only time.

“Million Dollar Quartet” brings that legendary night to life, featuring a score of rock hits including “Blue Suede Shoes,” “Fever,” “Sixteen Tons,” “Great Balls of Fire,” “Walk the Line,” “Hound Dog” and more.

Watch for more information and for sign-ups.

Primetimers

Join us the third Thursday of every month for a delicious lunch and great entertainment.

Here’s what coming up:

February 18th: Dr. Thomas Moore is our guest performer. Dr. Moore is a university associate professor of early childhood education and has given a solo voice recital at Carnegie Recital Hall.

March 17th: The Providence Encore Singers will treat us to an outstanding selection of Gospel music. Don’t miss it!

Remember to make your reservations by calling 704.366.4030x211.

Thank You!

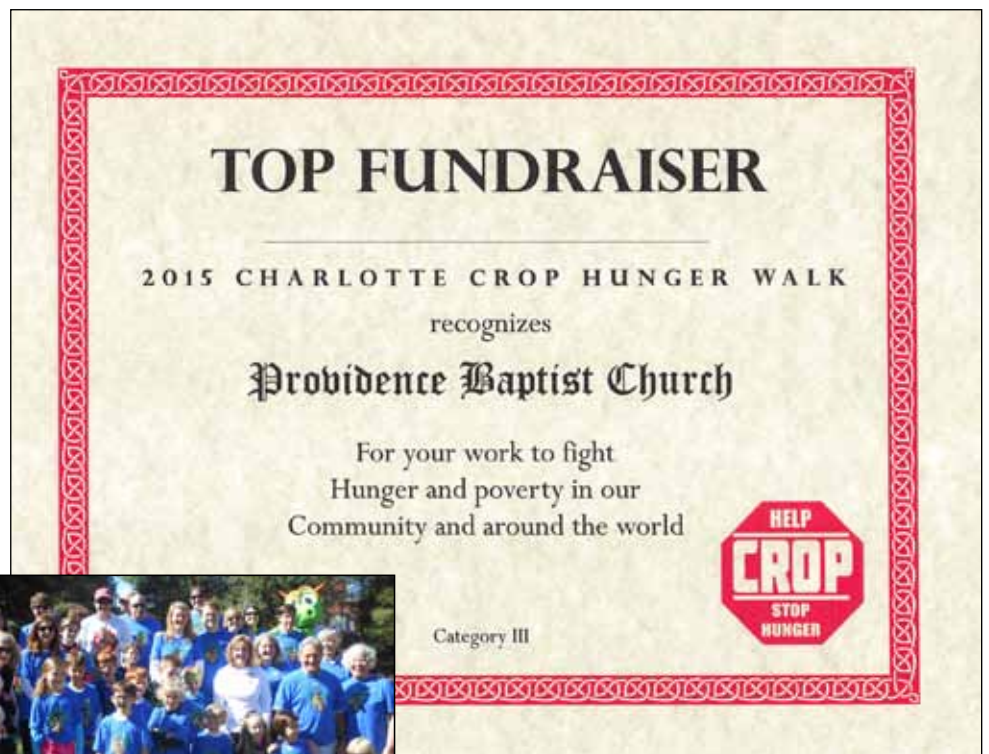
Thanks to the efforts of many, Providence Baptist became one of the top fundraisers for the 2015 CROP Walk.

Providence members raised \$8,956 and ranked 6th highest of all the houses of worship that participated.

Monies raised during the CROP Walk are donated to Crisis Assistance Ministry, Loaves and Fishes and Second Harvest Food Bank, directly helping the hungry in Charlotte.

Special thanks to Jay Wright and David Tatich for coordinating the Providence efforts!

Way to go, Team Providence!



2015 Recap

In many respects, 2015 was both typical and unique. We hosted the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF) North Carolina General Assembly, and by all accounts did so exceeding the CBF's expectations. Our fourth senior pastor, Dr. Al Cadenhead, retired in April, and the Pastor Search Committee (PSC) began their work.

In May, Dr. Roger Paynter agreed to be our Interim Sunday Preacher. The Personnel Committee and Transition Team encouraged him to keep Providence challenged and vibrant, and he did so until he was called to serve at FBC - Decatur, Georgia. Also in May, we celebrated 61 years of being a family of faith. During the summer months, our attendance and financial support dipped (as usual for us and most churches) due to family vacations.

Our Pastor Search Committee hosted several listening sessions and conducted a church-wide

survey to help with the process of updating our church profile and pastor profile. This effort provided valuable information to the committee and the church at large. A copy of the profile is on the website, and the finished copy with graphics and photos is being produced.

Similarly, our Media Ministry hosted focus groups and conducted surveys to help identify revisions for our social media, website, publications, PBC logo and branding (more on this later in the year).

In September, we kicked off our fall-programming with a wonderful congregational event on the grounds, which included the students' annual "Yuck Night," games for our children, and music and food for all to enjoy. The stewardship campaign geared up highlighting our belief that we are one family, one congregation – led by God – with the theme, "Providence. We Are."

While in the midst of much needed maintenance projects and renovations, we endured an unexpected and substantial plumbing bill that totaled over \$107,000. Thankfully, the Maintenance Endowment was available to fund the majority of the expenses.

In October, our Trunk or Treat community event was moved to the Friday prior to Halloween and was a huge success.

During the Advent season we experienced heavier attendance and outstanding financial support (more about that below).

I have no doubt that each of us has our own memories of the past year. I hope that you will take time to reflect on who or what made an impact on you.

If there were things that you would like to suggest, please contact any member of our staff. We look forward to an outstanding new year, one filled with possibilities and promise.

Finance & Budget

Providence has a long history of finishing strong in the last quarter of the year. Last year was no exception as we received \$399,607 for the month of December! In the previous four years (2011 – 2014), our December totals ranged from \$326,891 to \$356,363. So 2015 proved to be a blessed year, especially considering that it began our time of transition without a senior pastor.

While we finished under the approved budget, we spent more than we actually received, which required drawing on our cash reserves by \$17,398. Below is snapshot of our revenue and expenses for each month. Notice that in the last quarter we received almost 35% of our total revenue and we spent about 22% of it.

	Q1 REV: 24.6%			Q2 Rev: 21.1%			Q3 Rev: 19.5%			Q4 Rev: 34.9%				
	7.9%	8.7%	8.0%	7.2%	7.1%	6.8%	5.5%	8.1%	5.9%	5.8%	12.0%	17.1%		
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC		
2015 Revenue	\$ 184,910	\$ 203,605	\$ 186,456	\$ 168,679	\$ 165,965	\$ 158,574	\$ 128,420	\$ 189,395	\$ 138,013	\$ 136,919	\$ 281,312	\$ 399,607	2015 Revenue	\$ 2,341,855
2015 Expense	\$ 185,446	\$ 158,823	\$ 208,512	\$ 203,494	\$ 244,974	\$ 216,425	\$ 173,291	\$ 229,319	\$ 213,513	\$ 140,020	\$ 158,833	\$ 226,593	2015 Expense	\$ 2,359,243
	7.9%	6.7%	8.8%	8.6%	10.4%	9.2%	7.3%	9.7%	9.1%	5.9%	6.7%	9.6%		
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC		
	Q1 EXP: 23.4%			Q2 EXP: 28.2%			Q3 EXP: 26.1%			Q4 EXP: 22.3%			2015 DEFICIT	\$ (17,388)

Looking Ahead

The 2016 budget preparation was very challenging. The Finance Committee set aside the original 2016 budget and asked for staff and committees to focus on what was absolutely necessary. This resulted in a \$301,959 (13.2%) decrease from the original draft budget and a \$202,777 (8%) decrease from the 2015 budget.

Below is a summary of what represents the \$301,959 cut from the 2016 budget:

- \$2,400 from Pastoral Ministries
- \$6,460 from Education Ministries
- \$7,781 from Music & Worship Ministries
- \$10,000 from Student Ministries
- \$4,993 from Children Ministries
- \$10,990 from Congregational Care
- \$11,990 from General Administration/Operations
- \$5,000 from Food Service/Kitchen
- \$7,638 from Utilities
- \$25,000 from Maintenance
- \$10,667 from Debt Service
- \$30,526 from General Reserve
- \$80,040 from Personnel

Look on page three of this issue in the “On the Record” section to see how 2016 began.

Stewardship: “Providence. We Are.”

As a starting point, the Stewardship Committee used Adam Hamilton’s book, “ENOUGH - Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity” as a resource and coordinated Dr. Paynter’s sermons with this theme. Hamilton’s book is a great read (limited copies are available for \$10 each). The committee also used a visual to represent the four foundations of Providence: Christian Education, Worship, Fellowship and Missions. Many thanks to Mike Walker for developing the concept and Gill Laster for building the visual used on Celebration Sunday!

So far, the “Providence. We Are.” campaign has yielded 316 commitment cards. Of the 316 cards, 291 indicate an amount totaling \$1,572,677. (The 25 cards without dollar amounts indicated, added to the contributions received from our members that do not typically use the commitment card, represent an additional \$480,180.) Also, \$56,000 is anticipated in loose offerings (those given in the offering plate anonymously). Lastly, \$117,989 comes from other operating income (interest income, use of building, previous year carry-over and endowment). These projections are included in the approved 2016 budget.

Quarterly Business Meeting Schedule

Weather permitting, the following dates are scheduled for our regular quarterly business meetings:

- Q1: Wednesday, February 17th at 6:00pm
- Q2: Wednesday, May 11th at 6:00pm
- Q3: Wednesday, August 10th at 6:00pm
- Q4: Wednesday, November 9th at 6:00pm

Our Congregation



New Member
Spencer Mermans

Joined January 3, 2016
by Profession of Faith



Stephanie Nivens

Stephanie is celebrating her 20th year with Providence this month!

Thank you, Stephanie, for your good work and happy smile!

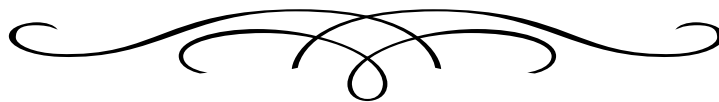
We are blessed to have you as part of the Providence team!



Patsy Stump Retires!

After faithfully serving Providence for 14-years in the accounting office, Patsy Stump is retiring February 15th.

Be sure to thank her for her many years of service!
We'll miss you, Patsy!



In Sympathy

Buck, Lee and Beth Gray in the Loss of Libby Gray.

Stephanie and Sam Walker in the death of Peggy Walker.

The family of Darrell Ussery.

Winston and Kim Godwin in the death of their nephew Paul Godwin, Jr.

Pamela James in the loss of her cousin Dorothy Jean Kirby Sartin.

The family of H. William (Bill) Myers in his death.

Janie Creech in the loss of her aunt Nancy Clarke.

February

2016

Providence Baptist Church

Lenten Prayer Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Our next Senior Pastor and the Pastor Search Committee	Rev. Andy Smith, Minister to Youth and Families	Rev. Randy Ballard, Recreation Director	The Holy Spirit to move through our church	Dr. David Jordan, Teaching Pastor and Interim Head of Staff	Rev. Tim Hill, Minister of Music	Rev. Julia Wright, Minister to Children and Families
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Our next Senior Pastor and the Pastor Search Committee	Rev. Andy Smith, Minister to Youth and Families	Rev. Randy Ballard, Recreation Director	Rev. Richard Landers, Church Administrator	Ms. Anne Fisher, Director of Weekday Education Ministry	Dr. Al Cadenhead, Pastor Emeritus	Ms. Carrie Lee Arant, Senior Adult Intern
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Our next Senior Pastor and the Pastor Search Committee	Diann Clark and the Sanctuary Choir	Noel Freidline and the Worship Musicians	Rocky Cannon and the Maintenance and Kitchen Staff	Administrative Staff	Communications and Technology Staff	Deacons
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Our next Senior Pastor and the Pastor Search Committee	Coordinating Council	WMU and CBF Missionaries	Church Finances and Stewardship	Rama Road Tutoring Program	Garden Ministry and Friendship Trays	"Burmese Family Friends" Ministry
28	29	1	2	3	4	5
Our next Senior Pastor and the Pastor Search Committee	"Room in the Inn" and Other Local Missions Projects	Weekly Bible Study Groups	Adult SS Classes and Teachers	"Primitimers" and Senior Adult Activities	Encore Singers	Recreation Ministry

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Hands-On Mission Action Day

*Tuesday, February 2nd, 9:00am-12:00pm
Nalley Missions Center*



Souper Bowl of Caring

*Sunday, February 7th
Sanctuary*



Ash Wednesday Service

*Wednesday, February 10th at 6:30pm
Sanctuary*



Quarterly Business Meeting

*Wednesday, February 17th at 6:00pm
Crouch Fellowship Hall*

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Deadline for submitting articles,
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