

February 1, 2017



PROVIDENCE

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Out of Our Abundance



Lee Canipe

By now, most of us, I imagine, have fairly settled into 2017. Before we get much further on into this new year, though, it might be helpful - or,

at least, instructive - to take one last look back at an important measure of our discipleship in 2016 - a measure that might, I'm afraid, be fairly *unsettling*.

A large part of my responsibility as your senior pastor is to - as the job title suggests - tend to the spiritual health of the various sheep in this flock we call Providence. The state of your souls, in other words, is my business. There are, of course, plenty of different ways to measure spiritual health, but according to the late Baptist minister, Cecil Sherman, one of the most reliable ways is by looking at how generous we are with our money. "The long term effect of good pastors is mature Christians," he wrote, "and until we can help our members break their idolatry to money, we have not done our work." Mature Christians entrust their treasure to God, not out of obligation or guilt, but rather, out of gratitude - more as an act of worship than a grudging contribution. As the apostle Paul puts it, "God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in everything" (2 Cor. 9:8). When we are generous in sharing what God has given to us, we not only bless others, but, by strengthening our trust in Him, we give God the opportunity to bless us further.

And, the truth is, this is an area where a lot of us have room to grow

in 2017. There are 1,598 giving units in our church. (This is not the same thing as members. My wife and I, for example, count as one giving unit because we give our offering together.) In 2016, only 580 of these giving units made a contribution to support the ministry of our church. That means 1,018 of these giving units gave none of their treasure to support the Lord's work through this church last year. Even if we allow for the probability that many of the people included in this latter number have either moved away or joined other churches without removing their names from our rolls, the fact remains that just over 36% of the giving units at Providence shouldered 100% of the church's financial commitment to missions and ministry.

What's more, of those 580 giving units who did contribute money in 2016 to support Providence's work in Jesus' name, the median gift was \$1,288. This amount represents a tithe - that is, the Old Testament standard for faithful giving - on an annual income of \$12,880. To put this number in perspective, consider that the Department of Health and Human Services set the poverty line for an individual living alone in 2016 at \$11,880.

I believe we can do better than this. I believe that the Lord expects us to do better than this. He has certainly blessed most of us in this church with annual incomes that are more than \$1,000 above the federal poverty line. Our giving to support God's mission and ministry through this church should reflect God's generosity to us. Now, full disclosure: Hilary and I practice tithing, which is a biblical way of saying that we give ten percent of our income to the church. That's a commitment we made years ago and, by God's grace, we've been able to keep it - and, also by God's grace, we have been blessed by

God's willingness to provide us with enough. I can testify that, as a result, my own trust in God's abundance has grown considerably. I encourage you to move in this direction with your own giving.

I realize that most people don't feel like this is something they can do. I also realize that some people are already giving sacrificially to support our church's ministry to Charlotte and beyond. We all have to make these kinds of decisions for ourselves. But, here's the thing. As Madeleine L'Engel once wrote, "We are all asked to do more than we can do. Every hero and heroine in the Bible does more than [they] would have thought it possible to do, from Gideon to Esther to Mary." This is how God stretches us toward His kingdom - and I would not be faithful to God in doing my job as your senior pastor if I didn't challenge you to stretch a bit further in your giving this year than you feel comfortable with, because learning to trust God is, almost by definition, an *uncomfortable* education.

We are not a church that God has blessed at a level just above the poverty line. God has blessed us in abundance so that we can, in Jesus' name, bless others abundantly in the way we love, serve, and share with joy the good news that God's salvation is for all people. In order to do that well, though, we've got to be people who trust God with our whole hearts, souls, minds, and strength. Pray about how you will trust God to provide you with enough in 2017 so that you can give in a way that accurately reflects your gratitude for what God has done for you. And, then, once you've prayed over it - do it.

May the peace of Christ be with you!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lee Canipe". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in the bottom right corner of the page.

2016 Budget Recap

Revenue and Expenses for 2016


Revenue	
Tithe & Offerings	2,122,908.91
Other	6,212.61
Previous Year Carryforward	33,629.00
Expense	
Missions	161,263.71
Growth/Outreach	6,297.25
Pastoral Ministries	4,827.55
Education Ministries	17,432.94
Music Ministries	68,179.73
Student Ministries	41,895.39
Children's Ministries	31,911.62
Activities Ministries	-630.95
Congregational Care	5,668.86
General Admin/Operations	77,710.16
Food Service	22,567.71
Media & Technologies	77,348.80
Utilities	151,624.44
Maintenance	183,626.05
Debt Service	79,376.40
Personnel	1,251,230.62
Revenue Total:	2,162,750.52
Expense Total:	2,180,330.28
Net Actual Total:	-17,579.76

Look for a follow-up article from the Finance Committee in the upcoming issue of Connections.


January 22nd, 2017

Worship Total: 546
 Christian Stewardship
 Average Weekly Requirement *\$45,846
 *The average weekly requirement is the annual budget of \$2,383,968 divided by 52 weeks.


Revenue and Expenses
 Projected 2017 \$2,383,968



Revenue Through 1/22 \$104,397



Expenses Through 1/22 \$110,901



Deficit Through 1/22 - \$6,504

Deacon on Call

704.366.4030x147

- February 1 - 7: Vivian Carroll
- February 8 - 14: Craig Wanek
- February 15 - 21: Donna Eason
- February 22 - 28: Bill Fairley
- March 1 - 7: Frances King



Minister on Call

- February 5: Richard Landers (704.608.3371)
- February 12: Randy Ballard (704.650.9449)
- February 19: Timothy Hill (704.641.4270)
- February 26: Julia Wright (704.458.3710)
- March 5: David Jordan (704.724.2766)

A Slight Shift Makes All the Difference



David Jordan

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, do you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net on the other side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish.
John 21:4-6

Sometimes, just a slight change can make all the difference. In the scripture above, Jesus knew the disciples' net would move only a few feet. But often, a tiny shift in imagination can make all the difference.

This can be true even when we, like the disciples, don't realize Jesus is with us.

Some years ago, my father had become the new pastor of First Baptist Church of Jefferson City, Tennessee. The church was in the process of building a new sanctuary to replace the previous one destroyed in a fire. In the process of construction and as the building was nearing completion, a church member came to my father's study very concerned. A strange-looking man with long hair and a beard was wandering around among the workers, tools, and materials in the sanctuary work area.

"You need to check it out, Pastor," the fellow said. "You never know who might be wandering around here these days. We spent a lot of money re-doing that sanctuary. The last thing we need is somebody coming in here and messing it up!"

So my father dutifully headed down to the construction area. Sure enough, a well-built man in jeans and a loose fitting flannel shirt, with long hair and a beard was standing alone in the nearly finished sanctuary. He was clearly not one of the workers. And though my father was still new to the church, this man didn't seem to fit the regular churchgoers at First Baptist.

"Excuse me," my father said. "May I help you?"

"No, that's okay," this guy replied. "I just wanted to see

how your stained-glass window up there turned out."

He pointed up to the large, beautiful window just recently placed into the wall behind the baptistry. It was a picture of Jesus smiling, welcoming, arms open wide.

Dad looked up at the window. And there he saw a familiar face.

"See," the man continued, "I was the model for Jesus, and I was curious how it turned out."

As Dad told us about this later, he said: "And to think, I almost threw Jesus out of the church ..."

*And Jesus said:
"Truly, I tell you, as
you did it to one of
the least of these, my
brothers and sisters,
you did it unto me."*

Matthew 25:40

Sadly, it wouldn't have been the first time, nor the last. Too often, stereotypes, greed, misunderstandings, and egos block us from seeing with the eyes and heart we need. Open, ready, wise and prepared for something new – and better: This is what Jesus hopes for.

In times like these, we are called to cast our nets on the other side of the boat, to allow that shift of imagination of open eyes and hearts. We usually know what we want. But Jesus knows what we need.

This month, may we hear Jesus' call to a creative shift, to an imaginative approach of sharing, healing and living with faith. And like the disciples – and my dad – we might just discover Jesus right there with us.

May it be so.

Gratefully,

PrimeTimers

Thursday, February 16th

12:00pm

Crouch Fellowship Hall

Entertainment by
The Providence Encore Singers
directed by Timothy Hill

You've heard them before,
so you know what to expect.
Something wonderful!

Come experience the fun!
Tickets are \$7.00.

RSVP to 704.366.4030x211
by Sunday, February 12th.

Sunday Nights and Psalms

Invitation to Psalms

February 12th - April 2nd

5:00pm – 6:30pm

Join David Jordan for an eight-week Sunday night class called "Invitation to Psalms!" We will explore timeless verses in one of the most loved and misunderstood parts of our Bible.

Using great visuals, valuable interaction and fine scholarship, we will move more deeply into these great passages of our spiritual heritage together.

The class will begin on February 12th and will continue through April 2nd. The book we will use, *Invitation to Psalms*, is available for \$15.00.

Sign-up in the Rotunda today!

Men's Thursday Morning Prayer Group

Every Thursday

6:30am

Craft Room, Activity Center

Get together with the men of Providence and solve the world's problems with this unique group. The coffee is always hot. All are welcome.

Alzheimers' Support Groups

Wednesday, February 8th

11:00am

At the home of Sharon Winstead

5090 Ashford Crest Lane

Charlotte, NC 28226

Come share your sorrows and joys, your hardships and your smiles. Make friends and gain perspective during this encouraging group time. Questions? Call Sharon at 704.542.9662.

Thursday Bible Study

Every Thursday

11:00am

Nalley Missions Center

For the first three weeks of February, David Jordan will be finishing up the study "Invitation to Psalms." Then on February 23rd, the group will begin "Disciple Fast Track," a 24-week series that will take us through the Old and New Testaments.

For more information, contact David Jordan at djordan@providencebc.org.

Summer Planning: Children's Day Camps

"Start Here" for your child's summer fun! Our Day Camps offer great opportunities for building friendships and making memories. A detailed camp brochure is available. Below is a snapshot of what we are offering:

June 19 - 23	Circle G Ranch: Vacation Bible School	*Free!
	*Extended Care available for \$90	
June 26 - 30	Flag Football Camp	\$115
July 9 - 12	Passport Kids Overnight Camp	\$280
July 10 - 15	Soccer Day Camp	\$115
July 17 - 21	Children's Music Day Camp	\$115
July 24 - 28	Basketball Day Camp	\$115
July 31 - Aug 4	Cooking Day Camp	*\$115
	*(plus \$15 food supplies)	

Save \$15 per camp (excluding Passport Kids) if you register by April 1st. For more information, contact Randy Ballard at rballard@providencecbc.org or Julia Wright at jwright@providencecbc.org.

Super Sunday

Souper Bowl of Caring
February 5th
12:00pm

Crouch Fellowship Hall



Sure, the game is big, but our mission is bigger!

Be a game-changer and join us as we collect food and money for the hungry in our community. A hearty soup lunch will be available for students (grades 1 - 12) and their families by reservation.

So contact Kristen Hendrix at khendrix@providencecbc.org.

Donations will be accepted for lunch! Thank you!

It's RA Racer Night

Gear Up Fathers and Sons!

Wednesday, February 22nd

6:30pm

Activity Center Gym

Gentlemen, start your engines!
A night of fun is coming soon.



New this year is a race for dads following the RA races!

So get your graphite powder and paint your cars.

It's ON!

Enjoy an Afternoon Tea

Hats Off to Mothers and Daughters!

Saturday, March 11th

2:00pm – 3:30pm

Crouch Fellowship Hall



Mothers and girls (ages 3 years – 5th grade) are invited to join us for an afternoon tea.

Special guest is Rev. Karen Eickhoff, Minister with Children from Trinity Baptist Church in Raleigh.

For reservations, email Kristen Hendrix at khendrix@providencecbc.org.

Orderly Worship

A few weeks ago, we began our third session on “The Dangerous Act of Worship.” These sessions have allowed us to discuss worship in a way that is both educational and challenging. I hope this article will also educate and challenge, and perhaps encourage you to think more deeply about worship.

Each week, Christians in churches across the world gather for worship, and when they worship, there is, for most of them, a set order for how the service unfolds. The traditional word for this unfolding is “liturgy.” Derived from a Greek word that means, literally, “the work of the people,” liturgy allows us to express our worship actions in numerous ways. Having this reliable, familiar set order for worship can also bring comfort. We know what comes next in the service and we can anticipate our response.

So what happens when things are out of order? Is our worship somehow less worthy? In 1 Corinthians 14:40, the apostle Paul writes that “all things should be done decently and in order.” Worship studies scholar John Witvliet has written that, “Scripture does not mandate a specific order of worship. And having a certain order of worship does not ensure that worship will be authentic, biblical, honest, and alive ... [T]hat said ... a well-conceived order of worship ensures that the main purposes of worship are carried out. In other words, a thoughtful pattern for worship maintains its integrity as worship. It protects worship from degenerating into a performance, into entertainment, or into an educational lecture.” Witvliet provides a wonderful chart that I will share with you below that helps explain the ways in which Christian worship functions as an ongoing dialogue. “God’s words are first, inviting us to worship, and we respond,” writes Witvliet, “[reflecting that] worship is a conversation between God and the gathered community.”

Obviously, what Witvliet offers here is not a prescription for how worship has to be, but rather a resource to help us better understand how we communicate in worship. It is my prayer that our worship will always bring us closer to God – and in turn, closer to one another.



Timothy Hill

May the peace of Christ be with you.



(Arrows indicate directions in which the conversation flows: from God to the people, from the people to God, and among the people.)

Gathering	Call to Worship ↓ Greeting ↓ Prayer of Adoration or Prayer of Invocation ↑ Call to Confession ↓ Prayer of Confession and Lament ↑ ↔ Assurance of Pardon ↓ Passing of the Peace ↓ ↔ Thanksgiving ↑ The Law ↓ Dedication ↑ ↔
Proclamation	Prayer for Illumination ↑ Scripture Reading ↓ Sermon ↓
Response to the Word	Profession of the Church’s Faith ↔ ↑ Prayers of the People ↑ Offering ↑
The Lord’s Supper	Declaration of God’s Promises and Invitation ↓ Prayer of Thanksgiving ↑ Breaking of the Bread ↓ Communion ↓ ↔ Response of Thanksgiving ↑
Sending	Call to Service or Discipleship ↓ Blessing/Benediction ↓

Chowan Singers in Worship

The Chowan Singers, the premier choral ensemble of Chowan University, will lead us in worship on Sunday, February 26th during the 11:00am service. Under the direction of Dr. Benjamin Thorburn, this ecumenical group will arrive in Charlotte on Saturday, February 25th. **WE NEED HOST FAMILIES** to house and feed these students Saturday night and Sunday morning. If you can help, please contact Leigh Ann Hughes!

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 (debrawallace2241@gmail.com).

Chili Cook-Off

It's been a year since we crowned a Chili Champion.
Who will take the title in 2017?
The Providence family gets to be our Taste Testers.
Sample all entries and vote for your favorite!

Sunday, February 26th
12:00pm

Crouch Fellowship Hall
\$5/pp or \$10/family max
(pizza served for children)

Volunteers Needed:

Chili Chefs

Students

(for MissionDays credit)



Go to the Rundown on the Providence website
to find sign-up information:

www.providencebc.org/rundown



Middle School Madness

Sunday, February 12th
12:15pm - 3:15pm

Bowling
\$15/pp

Leave from the Activity Center Parking lot
at 12:15pm. We return at 3:15pm.

**To accommodate the event,
Student Choir will be held from 3:30pm - 4:45pm.
Fellowship Dinner 4:45pm - 5:45pm.



Wednesday Schedule

Every Wednesday

Fusion 6:00pm – 7:00pm

“Famous: How to Leave a
Legacy That Matters”

Chapman Youth Room

Small Groups

High School/Middle School

Student Hand Bells 7:15pm

You know you love it.

So join your friends and BE there!

Sunday Schedule Changes

Sunday, February 5th

1:00pm Choir following Souper Bowl of Caring
(NO Fellowship Dinner)

Sunday, February 12th

3:30pm Choir following Middle School Madness
4:45pm Fellowship Dinner

Sunday, February 19th

4:00pm Choir
5:15pm Fellowship Dinner

Sunday, February 26th

1:30pm Meeting for Festival By the Sea
participants and parents.
(NO Fellowship Dinner)



For more information about the Student Ministry, contact George Mulley at 704.366.4030x116 (gmulley@providencebc.org).

Disaster Relief Training



The Providence Missions Committee has a lofty goal for 2017. The committee members know Providence has a passion for missions. The challenge is to educate our congregation on opportunities to serve Christ by serving others in our community and beyond, AND to prepare them to serve. As a missions-minded church, Providence has a long history of helping others, within Charlotte and beyond. Now we just need to put that history into action.

In an effort to prepare Providence members to serve, the Missions Committee has formed a special union with the North Carolina Baptist Men's (NCBM) Disaster Relief Ministry. The NCBM's Disaster Relief Ministry helps victims rebuild their lives and homes after disasters by providing hot meals, debris removal, child care and family assistance. The NCBM believes Christ calls every Christian to be a missionary. This mission doesn't require traveling to another country. We can be missionaries right here in our own community!

We each have God-given gifts and talents that can be used to help others. But we must be prepared. And to be effective, we need to be trained. So here it is: your opportunity to train!

2017 Disaster Relief Training

**Friday, May 5th and
Saturday May 6th**

Cost - \$45

Age: 18+, but 15-17-year-olds may participate if accompanied by parent

To register: baptistsonmission.org

Missions Rally

**Monday, February 6th
6:00pm
Monroe, NC**

Your Providence table is waiting!
Enjoy a meal with other area Baptists as you learn more about opportunities to serve.

Transportation is available.

Contact Connie Carpenter at 704.906.0279 (text/voice) before Wednesday, February 4th.

WMU Mission Action Day

**Tuesday,
February 7th
10:00am - 12:00pm
Nalley Missions Center**



Help make sandwiches for Urban Ministry, snacks for homeless, cards for shut-ins and more!

Lunch will be provided.

February Mission Collection

**Loaves and Fishes
Hunger Project**

Bring your canned goods to Providence during the month of February!

Collection bins will be located outside the Crouch Fellowship Hall, the Activity Center and the Children's Ministry office.



Wednesday Night Opportunities

February 15th

Steve and Leslie Gretz

6:00pm Crouch Fellowship Hall

Providence welcomes back the dynamic duo of Steve and Leslie Gretz to our Wednesday night programming. You are invited to this inspirational evening filled with music and fun. Many of you will remember their delightful performance last year that included gospel, country, folk and original songs. Steve and Leslie are both accomplished musicians and song writers. Steve also serves as pastor of a Baptist church in Rochester, New York. Leslie directs the choir and leads the music. Their multiple CDs will be available for purchase.



February 22nd

6:00pm - Quarterly Conference Crouch Fellowship Hall

6:15pm - Hymn Sing Sanctuary

You are invited to the Sanctuary for an old-fashioned Hymn Sing! Do you have any requests? Let your “voice” be heard and send your ideas to Tim Hill at thill@providencecbc.org.

(This will be a regular programming night for children/students.)



Ash Wednesday, March 1st

6:15pm in the Sanctuary

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a season for Christians to confess sins, seek repentance, and remember the sacrifice that Jesus made to put us back into right relationship with God. On Ash Wednesday, we are reminded that, in our sin and apart from Jesus, we bear the burden of death: We were made from the dust of the earth and it is to dust that we shall return (Genesis 3:19). Ash Wednesday worship is somber and reflective, but it also calls our attention to a necessary part of our spiritual journey. In order to receive a Savior, we need to acknowledge that we need saving—a hard truth that most of us would prefer to avoid. Join us for the beginning of our Lenten walk with Jesus toward the cross as we worship God together on Ash Wednesday.



Looking Ahead:

March 8th will begin a new series of Wednesday night studies. This session will be a 4-week long series, and will offer something for everyone. More information to come! Look for sign-ups in the Rotunda!

David Jordan: “Reformation 101: The Protestant Reformation after 500 Years and Why it Matters”

Tim Hill: “The Dangerous Act of Worship”

Lee Canipe: “Telling Our Stories: Rediscovering the Art of Testimony”

Wednesday Night Meals



These family-friendly meals are offered from 5:00pm - 6:00pm every Wednesday night in the Crouch Fellowship Hall. Don't miss it!

February 1st

Roast Turkey with Gravy
Baked Sweet Potato with Toppings
Sugar Snap Peas
Salad
Pizza Bar
Muffins
Chocolate Chess Pie

February 8th

Baked Salmon
Rice Pilaf
Vegetable Medley
Salad
Pizza Bar
Corn Muffins
Pumpkin Cake

February 15th

Country Style Steak
Creamed Potatoes
Broccoli Casserole
Salad
Pizza Bar
Cherry Cobbler with Ice Cream

February 22nd

Fried Chicken
Corn, Okra and Tomatoes
Red Beans and Rice
Salad
Pizza Bar
French Bread
Chocolate Bread Pudding
with Cream Anglaise and Mini Beignets

Adults \$7.50, Seniors \$6.50, Children \$5.00, Max Family \$25.00

Quarterly Church Conference

February 22nd

6:00pm

Crouch Fellowship Hall



Pancake Supper



February 28th

5:00pm

\$5 per person

Let the Providence staff cook up some delicious pancakes for you and your family; and while you eat, enjoy festive music - brought to you by the Noel Freidline Quintet.

You are sure to have fun during this special evening!

Menu:

Pancakes
Link Sausages
Variety of toppings
Fresh Fruit
Syrups
Milk
Coffee
Juice



Soccer Sign Ups

It's beginning to feel like SPRINGtime!

That means SOCCER is about to gear up! Our season runs from mid-April through the end of May. Practices will begin mid-March. All games are played at Providence.

Registration is for children U5, U7, U10.

Stop by the Activity Center for a registration form or go to the Providence website at:

www.providencebc.org/fellowship/sports



Upcoming Mission Trips

College Students

May 17th - 21st
To Metro Baptist Church
New York City

\$100 deposit due by March 15th

Sign up with Randy Ballard! Email him at rballard@providencebc.org

Young Professionals

To Metro Baptist Church
New York City
Date TBD

Young Professionals

Monday,
February 20th
6:45pm

@ LeRoy Fox



All Young Professionals are warmly invited to this casual evening!



A dynamic discussion always develops.

Speakers may vary.

The friends do not.

Worship in February

February 5th

1 Corinthians 2:1-12
Communion

February 12th

Matthew 5:21-37

February 19th

Matthew 5:38-48

February 26th

1 Corinthians 4:1-5

March 5th

Matthew 4:1-11
Communion



Offering of Gratitude



Debbi Ballard

Do you know someone that truly made a difference in your life? Could you TELL that person? In Debbi Ballard's case, you CAN!

Debbi has touched the lives (literally) of countless families at Providence during her tenure with

our Weekday Education Ministry. Faithfully, Debbi cuddled, loved, nurtured and protected our youngest (8 weeks - 12 months).

Not only has she served Providence, but she has served God and been His comforting voice for those nervous mothers leaving their infant in someone else's arms for the very first time. She offered reassurance and peace, and loved on those little ones as if they were her own.

Debbi is retiring this month after nearly two decades of caring for our children. If you were touched by her love, come wish her well. Let's give her a send-off worthy of her service.

You are warmly invited to a time of celebration for Debbi:

Thursday, February 2nd

1:00pm

Weekday Education Ministry

Refreshments will be served.



ProvidenceBaptistChurch
WEEKDAY EDUCATION MINISTRY

2017-2018 Registration

Registration for the 2017-18 school year is open to everyone. Current families and church members may begin registering February 20th. Community registration begins February 24th.

Families will be notified of their enrollment status by March 10th.

We have a few current openings as of January 9th, 2017:

Fours - 4 openings, M-Th or M-F

We are accepting students for wait list: Infants, Toddlers, Twos, Threes, TK

There is no cost to be on the half-day wait list. If you would like to add your child, please call our office at 704.366.4030x129. Please note that our half-day wait list does not carry over to the next school year because there is an opportunity to register for the program every winter.

Weekday Director Search

Providence Baptist Church Weekday Education Ministry is seeking applicants for the Director of the Weekday Education program.

Send resumes to:
Weekday Search Committee
4921 Randolph Road
Charlotte, NC 28211

You may also visit the website at www.providencebc.org/preschool.

Dedication of Life



Turner Stephenson Eskew was dedicated on January 22nd. He is the son of David and Mary Eskew and the brother of Anna. He was born on January 29th, 2016.

New Members



Kirk and Debbi Grosch joined Providence on January 15th. They have a long history with our church family and we welcome them home again with open arms!

Welcome to Our Newest

- Hayden Elizabeth Brown was born on January 4th. She is the daughter of Tim and Staci Brown and the granddaughter of Larry and Sharon Williams.
- Reid Lawson Hill was born January 9th. He is the son of Steven and Katie Hill and brother of Logan and Thomas.

In Sympathy

- Laura Perrone in the loss of her grandfather Eugene Finnegan on December 27th.
- The family of Dorothy James Cook who passed away November 15th.
- Sylvia Thomas in the loss of her mother Christine Gable on January 3rd. Christine was Kristy Thomas' grandmother and Lacie and Max Thomas' great-grandmother.
- Luck Brown in the loss of her mother Joy Hendrix on January 15th.
- The family of Rachel Franklin Yadon in her loss on January 18th.
- Marilyn Sullins in the loss of her sister Gail Sanford on January 21st.
- Ed Landrus in the loss of his wife Carolyn on January 21st.
- Crystal Case in the loss of her grandmother Estella Keslar on January 23rd.

Student Minister Search

The Student Minister Search Committee has completed and received the congregation's approval of the Minister With Students and Their Families profile.

We have posted the job opening through the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and are actively "networking" through seminaries and other Baptist organizations to find the right candidate.

While the schedule remains tight, we still intend to have selected a candidate in time for the Middle School mission trip in June.

We ask the Providence congregation to:

- 1) reach out to candidates you may know and have them apply through the church website, and
- 2) pray for the right person to be called to serve.

You can find the Student Minister Profile on the website. A link is provided for anyone wishing to submit a resume (www.providencecbc.org/student-minister-search). If you have questions for the Student Minister Search Committee, contact Chair Chris Squier at 704.962.8891 (chris.squier@cbre.com) or Vice Chair Leigh Frame at 704.621.2400 (leighframe@mac.com).



Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the opportunity to be a part of the Installation Service in December for Lee Canipe. My excitement about Lee becoming your Pastor grows out of our love for him as our son-in-law, the excellent and faithful minister he has become, and the wonderful church we know Providence to be.

Crystal and I are also delighted to have Hilary, Lee, Helen, Watt and Peter only ninety minutes away (instead of four hours)!

May God bless you and the Canipes as you love and serve Him together.

Sincerely yours,

Bill Leathers

Providence Blood Drive

February 26th

10:00am - 1:00pm

On the Rotunda Green

Look for sign-ups in the Rotunda





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PrimeTimers

*Thursday, February 16th, 12:00pm
Crouch Fellowship Hall*



Pancake Supper

*Shrove Tuesday, February 21st, 5:00pm
Crouch Fellowship Hall*



Quarterly Church Conference

*Wednesday, February 22nd, 6:00pm
Crouch Fellowship Hall*



Blood Drive

*Sunday, February 26th, 10:00am - 1:00pm
Rotunda Green*

Next Connections is March 1, 2017.

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



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