

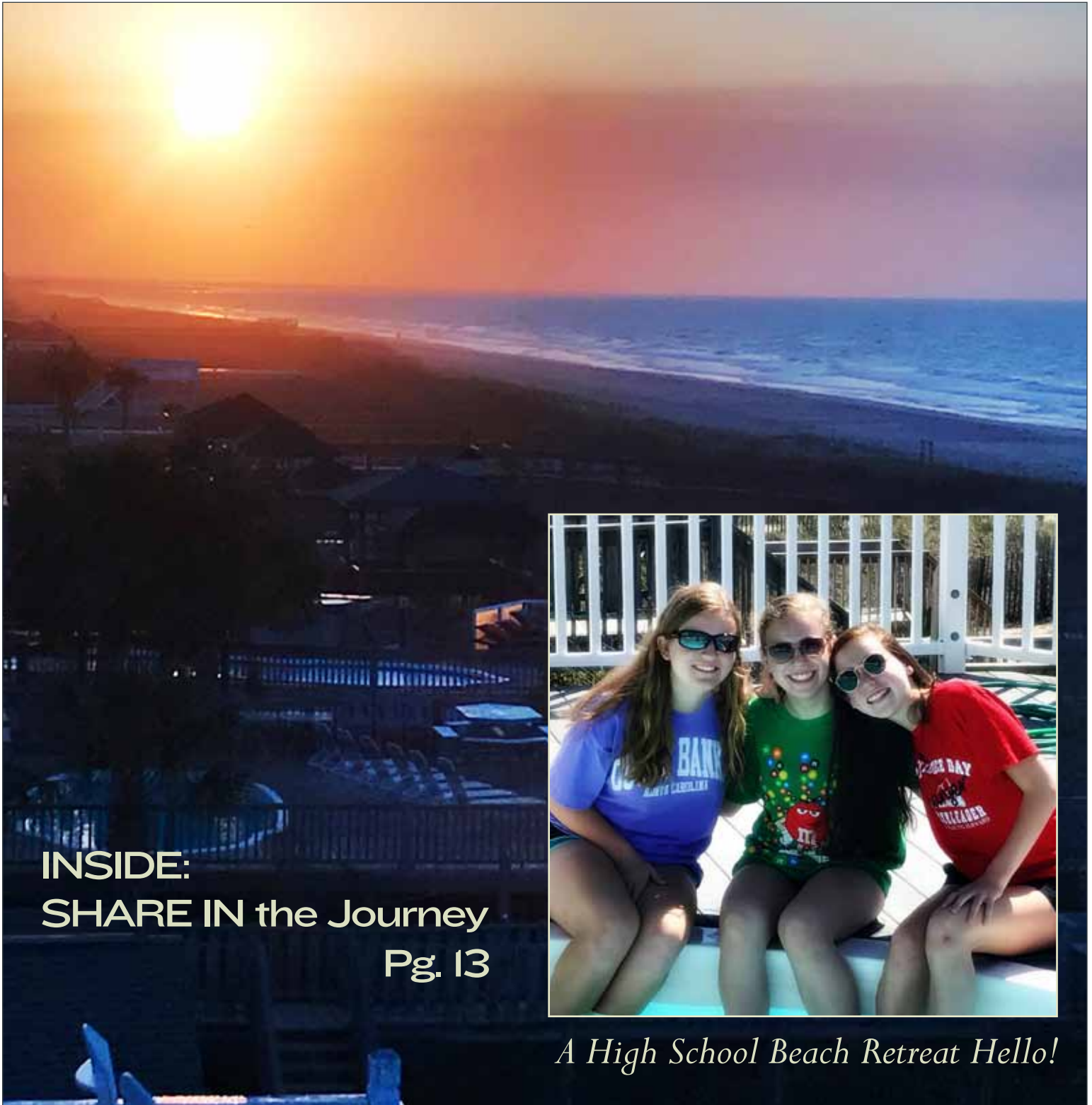


May 1, 2017

# PROVIDENCE

BAPTIST CHURCH

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*A High School Beach Retreat Hello!*

## I Believe . . .



*Lee Canipe*

On Sunday, May 21st, we will celebrate the 63rd birthday of Providence Baptist Church. This Anniversary Sunday will be my first one with you, and I am looking forward to it. Grateful people remember their shared history, as well as the leadership, vision, sacrifices, and devotion of those who made that history possible in the first place. It's a good thing that, once a year, we

set aside a special Sunday to look back at where we've been and thank God for blessing us so generously.

It's also a good time to look ahead and consider the kind of church that God wants us to be in the future. I've already been here long enough to recognize some of the strengths that have defined the ministry and mission of Providence since 1954. This church is filled with talented people who have a great deal of energy and a great desire to follow Jesus. These are strengths. This church is filled with generous people who give freely of their money and their time in order to make a kingdom difference in Charlotte and beyond. These are strengths. This church is filled with faithful people who love Jesus, recognize the authority of Scripture, and are committed to historic Baptist principles of freedom under the leadership of the Holy Spirit. These are strengths. This church, finally, is filled with people who love one another very much and have deep-rooted relationships that stretch back, in some cases, for nearly as long as Providence has existed.

These are tremendous strengths, especially at a time in our culture when what divides seems to wield more influence over us than what unites. Providence is a living, breathing sign of what the apostle Paul means when he writes in Ephesians that Jesus is our peace, breaking down the walls that divide us so that he can reconcile us to God as one body, through the cross (Ephesians 3:14-17). The continued vitality of Providence is a testimony to what can happen when diverse Christians serve God together based on their common commitment to Jesus Christ, crucified and resurrected.

The thing is, though, the Lord expects us to be good

stewards of the blessings we've received. So, how is God leading us to build on these strengths? What kind of a church does God want us to be in the years ahead? Believe me, these are questions that I think about—and pray about—a lot. Here are some early answers after eight months here with you:

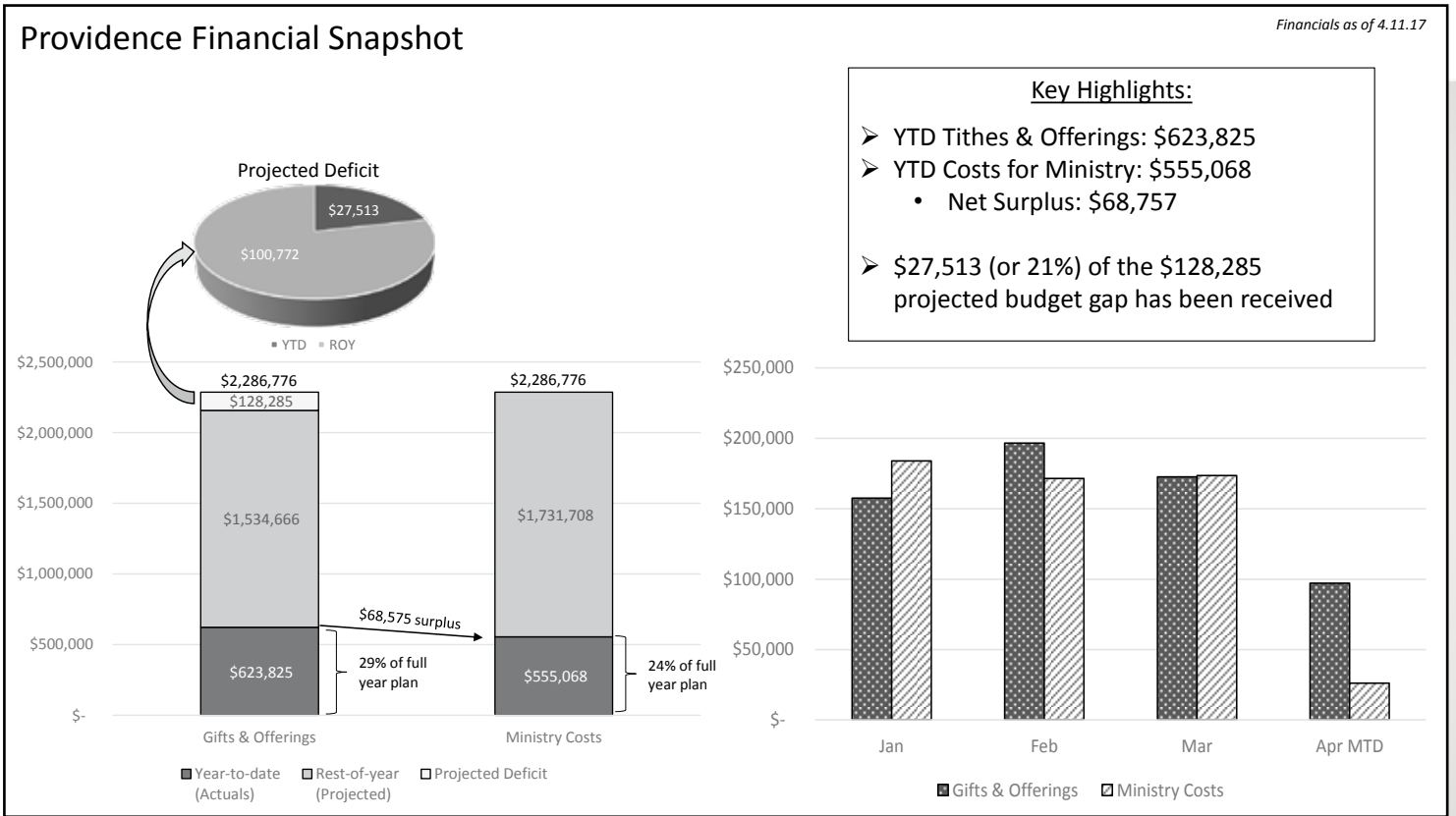
- I believe that God wants us to be a church that takes seriously the Christ-given command to make disciples and help them to grow into followers of Jesus whose lives bear good fruit. This means investing in Christian education and spiritual formation for people of all ages in our Providence family.
- I believe that God wants us to be a church that is engaged with our neighbors in Cotswold. There is no excuse, other than lack of effort, for why we are not building strong, lasting, life-changing relationships with the people who live closest to our church.
- I believe that God wants us to be a church that not only meets our obligations to support kingdom ministries and missions at home and around the world, but is a leader among Cooperative Baptist churches in supporting worthy efforts to share the Gospel and serve others in Jesus' name.
- I believe that God wants us to be a church that reflects a New Testament model for what the body of Christ should look like, in which many, diverse parts form a single, cohesive whole: Everyone's gifts are needed, everyone's gifts are shared, and everyone's gifts are honored and respected, "so that there may be no dissension within the body, and the members may have the same care for one another" (1 Corinthians 15:25).

Is that it? Probably not. I am confident that God has even greater things than this to accomplish for, and through, Providence. But this short list is a start, reflecting how I sense the Spirit moving among us right now—and there's nothing on this list that God has not already equipped us to begin working toward. Through His generosity, God has blessed us with abundant strengths to build upon. Through His Son, Jesus, God has given us abundant life to draw from. May the Lord make us strong where we are weak—and, in those places where we are strong, may He make us humble.

And, may the peace of Christ be with you!

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Lee Canipe". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Finance Committee Snapshot 4/11/17** See below for up-to-date financials from 4/23/17.



**Deacon on Call**

Deacon on call phone number:  
704.366.4030x147

- April 26 - May 2: Jane Truesdel
- May 3 - 9: Holly Christian
- May 10 - 16: Tim Dukes
- May 17 - 23: Bob Gaskin
- May 24 - 30: Bill Griffin
- May 31 - June 6: Linda Mullis



**Minister on Call**

- April 30: Richard Landers (704.608.3371)
- May 7: Julia Wright (704.458.3710)
- May 14: David Jordan (704.724.2766)
- May 21: Timothy Hill (704.641.4270)
- May 28: Randy Ballard (704.650.9449)

**April 23, 2017**

2017 Projected Deficit Reduction Fund\*  
\$30,192 (to date) \$128,285

Worship Total: 481

Christian Stewardship

**Revised** Average Weekly Requirement \$43,976

The average weekly requirement is the annual budget of \$2,286,776 divided by 52 weeks.

**Revised Revenue and Expenses**

Projected 2017 \$2,286,776

Revenue Through 4/23 \$ 700,342

Expenses Through 4/23 \$ 662,425

Net Revenue to Expenses Through 4/23 \$ 37,917

**\*Includes 2016 Deficit Fund and 2017 Projected Deficit Fund Receipts**

## The Month of May: Caring for God's Creation



David Jordan

*The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. Genesis 2:15*

Last month, we celebrated the resurrection story of Easter and enjoyed the blossoming of a world rebirthed. Now, the fading flowers of early spring give way to the crops and blooms of summer beginning. A new creation opens before us.

According to Genesis 2:15, we - along with our biblical ancestors - are commanded to care for God's creation. Like the earliest shepherds called to watch over the flocks and pastures with compassionate wisdom, we are to be shepherds of God's earth and caretakers of God's world. Such a calling has never been more important than it is today.

In one of the more poignant episodes of "The Andy Griffith Show," Opie accidentally killed a mother bird with his slingshot. Her death left a nest of three baby chicks without a mom.<sup>1</sup> Saying "sorry" or feeling guilty was insufficient. He realized something more was required. He decided to care for the baby chicks until they were old enough to care for themselves. At the conclusion of the show, Opie realized he had to set the little birds free. The conflicting emotions he experienced in guilt, responsibility and compassion, serve as potent reminders of our own vital obligations to God's world.

In Jesus' tradition of Judaism, the Hebrew phrase "tikum olam" means "to heal the earth." Recalling this earliest call to care for God's creation, we see Jesus based His ministry and teaching around this vital principle.

This was also Opie's lesson. In his own way of caring for orphaned birds, Opie did his part to heal a portion of the earth. So can we.

Today, let us consider those things in our world that need to be healed: those habits, statements, perspectives and products that hinder beauty, rob us of goodness, and mar God's good, created order. As you go through this beautiful month of May, think about places you know that face environmental concerns. Consider what you might do inadvertently to contribute to environmental problems. What can you do with compassionate responsibility to begin to make things right? Drive less? Garden more? Use less energy? Use less plastic, less water, fewer damaging chemicals? Take seriously today what you can do to fulfill God's call and earliest expectation for us. Let us partner with God in caring for this sacred gift so lovingly entrusted. And as you do, enjoy the miracle of life and the loveliness of God's world in the month of May!

Gratefully,

<sup>1</sup> From the 1963 episode: "Opie The Birdman."

## Further Reading

Add to your reading list Barbara Kingsolver's [Animal, Vegetable, Miracle](#). She spent a year living only on food her family farmed or local produce. The joys, hardships, and insights offer tremendous food for thought - and inspiration for taking care of God's world seriously. Sometime this month, do your best to plan and prepare a healthy meal with only local produce, either from your garden, from a local farmer's market, or from a store that specializes in local foods. Sometimes, even chain grocery stores support local farmers - and will do so more if people like us ask them about locally grown produce. Give it a try!

## **WMU Luncheon**

**Tuesday, May 2nd**  
**10:30am**

Home of Billie Jean Simpson  
8324 County Downs Lane, Charlotte

Arrive at 10:30am, program begins at 11:00am

“Celebrating WMU”

Proclaimers are Mary Ann Crouch and Dorothea Compton.

Please make reservations for lunch.

**RSVP to Anne Tunstall 704.567.9593 or Penny Hewett 704.552.0688.**



## **Young Professionals**



**Monday, May 8th**  
**6:45pm**

@ LeRoy Fox

Calling all Young Professionals!

Do not miss this time of debate and fellowship. A dynamic discussion always develops.

Speakers may vary. The friends do not!

## **Young Pros Mission Trip**

**Metro Baptist Church**  
**June 7th - 11th**

New York City, NY  
\$350 plus your own airfare

Young Pros are invited to New York City to work with our partner church Metro Baptist Church in the Hell's Kitchen neighborhood of Manhattan.

We'll be partnering with local ministry sites. During your time off, enjoy a Yankees/Red Sox baseball game and some Broadway shows.

**Contact Randy Ballard ASAP at**  
**[rballard@providencebc.org](mailto:rballard@providencebc.org)**

## **May PrimeTimers**

**Thursday, May 18th**  
**12:00pm**

Crouch Fellowship Hall

**Noel Freidline**

You've heard him on Sunday mornings.

You've heard him at our special jazz concerts.

Now, treat yourself to your very own concert during the May PrimeTimers!

Make your reservations now!

**RSVP to 704.366.4030x211 by Sunday, May 14th.**



## Your Gift Is Too Big for a Box

It's a living, breathing, hope-giving, money-making, fruit-bearing, women-empowering, food-providing, business-creating, fuel-generating, fiber-growing, milk-making, life-changing machine. Your gift to Heifer International is already on the move helping people around the world end poverty and achieve self-reliance.



The total Providence offering for Heifer International was \$1903.94. With this money, we will purchase:

2 sheep, 2 cows,  
9 flocks of chicks and 4 pigs!

**What a great gift!**

## VBS Volunteer Kick Off

**Sunday, May 7th  
5:30pm**

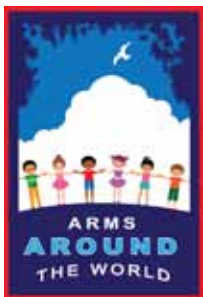
Crouch Fellowship Hall

We are "rounding up" all adults and students working in Vacation Bible School! Join us for a fun evening of fellowship and training. Some good country vittles will be served! Childcare is available by reservation with Lauren Stroupe at [lstroupe@providencebc.org](mailto:lstroupe@providencebc.org).



Registration for Vacation Bible School continues at [www.providencevbs.org](http://www.providencevbs.org). Enroll your child today and bring a friend with you! Or register to volunteer!

## Arms Around the World



**Children's Choirs  
Spring Concert**  
Wednesday, May 3rd

**Missions  
Recognition  
Service**  
Wednesday, May 10th

Both services will be at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary.

## Bible Drill Duo

This year, Children's Bible Drill had two children who have participated for their third year. Mary Claire Smith, daughter of Daryl and Julie Smith, is a 5th grader at Cotswold Elementary. Hannah Aghjayan, daughter of Garo and Kim Aghjayan, is a 5th grader at Sharon Elementary. We caught up with the girls for a brief interview:



*Mary Claire Smith and Hannah Aghjayan*

### What do you like the most about Bible Drill?

MC: You learn through a fun way. We play games to learn verses, books of the Bible and key passages.

HA: We learn in a fun way that's not boring.

### What is your favorite Bible verse?

MC: John 3:16.

HA: My mom's is Exodus 20:12. "Honor your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God is giving you." My favorite verse is 1 John 4:19.

### What is your favorite key passage?

MC: The Birth of Jesus - Luke 2:1-7

HA: The Temptation of Jesus - Matthew 4:1-11

### Do you do anything special as a 5th grader?

MC: We got to design the Bible Drill t-shirts for this year.

### What is the best way you have found to study?

MC: Say it over and over again!

HA: I like to act out the verses in class. I always studied really hard before the drill.

### What is your best memory of Bible Drill?

MC: My first church drill because it was my first time doing it.

HA: When I got a perfect score at this year's Bible Drill.

For more information about the Children's Ministry, contact Kristen Hendrix at 704.366.4030x125 or [khendrix@providencebc.org](mailto:khendrix@providencebc.org).

## Student Choir Schedule

We are in the midst of our last session of student music. We have important things to rehearse before June. Our students will be leading worship for Baccalaureate Sunday and we need to be ready!



Students will meet in the Lowell Dotson Music Suite for choir on Sundays at 4:00pm. All students (grades 6-12) are invited! Let's FILL the choir loft for Baccalaureate Sunday.

*Join us!*

**Sunday, May 7th**  
4:00pm to 5:15pm

**Sunday, May 14th**  
No Rehearsal ... Happy Mother's Day

**Sunday, May 21st**  
4:00pm to 5:15pm

**Sunday, May 28th**  
4:00pm to 5:15pm

## Graduate Recognition

**Baccalaureate  
Worship**

Sunday, June 4th  
10:30am



Each year, we celebrate our graduating seniors on Baccalaureate Sunday. This special service is filled with meaningful moments, warm memories, and challenges from loving and faithful mentors.

Plan to worship with us and celebrate our high school and college graduates.

### Know a College Graduate?

We need to hear from you!

Get us your college graduate's information (school, degree, honors, graduation date) by Sunday, May 14th, so they can be included in our special presentation!

Send graduate information to Linda Sullivan at [lindaandlarry@carolina.rr.com](mailto:lindaandlarry@carolina.rr.com).

## Welcome



*Carol Arant*

The Music Ministry welcomes our newest staff member, Carol Arant! Carol starts her new job as Music Ministry Administrative Assistant on Monday, May 1st.

Carol retired from the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School District after 30 years. She is a native Charlottean and has a son and a daughter, and a grandson who is five. She loves to spend time with her church

family and friends at First Baptist Church Matthews. She also loves to travel and fish. In fact, she and her grandson recently caught a three-pound catfish together!

She brings her "finely-tuned" organizational skills to the Music Ministry and will no doubt have an immediate positive impact! Welcome, Carol!

For more information regarding the Music Ministry contact, Carol Arant at 704.366.4030x121 or [carant@providencebc.org](mailto:carant@providencebc.org).

## Senior Scholarships

Providence has two scholarships offered for high school seniors. For scholarship criteria and nomination information, visit the student page.

### Elle J Scholarship

Senior nominated by Providence Member

### Clark Family Scholarship

Senior Application Process

Deadline: May 28th to Catherine Trahan

## Time to Sign Up!

Middle Schoolers! It's Mission Trip Time!

Nashville, TN

**June 11th - June 16th**

Sign up NOW!

Sign Up Now

Visit the student page for sign up information.

Make sure to complete your MissionDays to qualify for the discounted rate!

## MissionDays Project



**Ronald McDonald House**

**Saturday, May 20th**

12:30pm - 3:30pm

Meet at the Activity Center

**MISSION  
DAYS**

Need to check your MissionDays hours to make sure you qualify for the \$500 credit toward your mission trip?

Contact George Mulley at [gmulley@providencebc.org](mailto:gmulley@providencebc.org).

## Student Music

Look around!

Your seniors will be graduating in just a month. Since students will be leading in worship for Baccalaureate Sunday on June 4th, we need to get ready. Join us for student choir Sunday nights. See the music page for the rehearsal schedule.

\*No Student Fellowship Dinners in May!

## High School Hoorah

**Saturday, May 20th**

“The ESCAPE ROOM”



Dinner and fun!

Sign up online:

[www.providencebc.org/students](http://www.providencebc.org/students)

## Student Minister Update



The Student Minister Search Committee is making good progress! We are further along

in the search process, and feel very good about the candidates we have chosen to focus on.

We are praying for clarity and wisdom.

We know God will lead the right person to Providence. Please continue to pray for our guidance and for the candidates.

~ Chair, Chris Squier

## Student Fundraiser

Earn money for your mission trip!

Get selling!

All AutoBell money due May 17th.



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



## Your Gifts at Work

Did you know you make a REAL difference? Thanks to your donations to Providence, the Missions Committee has been able to support many local organizations with grant money. Your offerings have helped various agencies and ministries keep their doors open and serve our neighbors in the Charlotte area. This month, we would like to highlight another one of those ministries ... Friendship Trays, Inc.

## Friendship Trays



Do you like to visit people? Do you like to prepare delicious meals? Do you like to organize schedules? Do you like to drive? Do you like to bring a smile to someone's face?

If you said "yes" to any of those questions, Friendship Trays may be the ideal place for you to volunteer. You can work "On the Road," "In the Kitchen," or "In the Office." We can find the perfect fit for you!

Friendship Trays, Inc., is the "Meals on Wheels" of Charlotte. Its mission is to prepare and deliver balanced meals to individuals in the community who are unable to make their own food because of age or infirmity. Caring and friendly Friendship Trays drivers deliver tasty cuisine daily. The meals are necessary for the body, but the smiles brought by the drivers are food for the soul!

Each weekday, 120 faithful volunteers prepare and deliver upwards of 720 meals. With a growing need in the north end of Mecklenburg County, in Matthews and the Steel Creek area, Friendship Trays routinely adds new routes and drop-off sites. For more information on how you or your Sunday School class can volunteer, contact David Miller at [drm0616@aol.com](mailto:drm0616@aol.com). You can also contact Friendship Trays directly at [friendshiptrays.org](http://friendshiptrays.org).



*Dave Miller picks up meals prior to delivering for Friendship Trays.*

Remember, in addition to your time, donations matter greatly since they are 100% privately funded. Get involved or donate today!

## May Missions Collection



The ladies of the Providence WMU toured the Charlotte Rescue Mission's Dove's Nest in April. They were so moved by their visit to the women's shelter that they are asking for your help in caring for their new friends!

During the month of May, donate detergent pods for Dove's Nest! Make a real difference for the women staying there. Any kind will do (Tide, Gain, All). Something as simple as providing detergent for these ladies

can help them feel like they are moving their lives in the right direction. The collection area is in the hallway leading to the Crouch Fellowship Hall.



## Libby Gray Media Center Update



Gill Laster, Al Traver and David Purinton; part of the Libby Gray Library remodeling crew

### Did you know?

Thanks to the Buildings and Grounds and Endowment committees, the Libby Gray Media Center is moving!

Its current home in the

Activity Center hasn't been used often, due to its location. Gina Ayscue and the media center planning team are about to fix that! The Libby Gray Media Center is moving to Room 2121, former meeting space of the Won By One Sunday School class. (Many thanks to the class for being so willing to relocate.)

Due to the very hard work of Al Traver, Gil Laster, David Purinton, Sid Carpenter and others, Providence will soon be able to enjoy an entirely new space

dedicated to adult Christian learning and study. This team has been working around the clock to put up crown molding, chisel holes in concrete, and clean up an otherwise ordinary space to be the perfect respite and quiet area to study.

The new and improved space will be bright and airy and will boast an incredible collection of books. There will be computer terminals for those needing to do a little research and a fabulous study/seating area perfect for those looking for a quiet space for homework. A meeting space will also be available. You'll love the new media center. Be on the lookout for the finished product in May.



## Weekday Education News

### Week of the Young Child



Fun things happen every day in the Providence Weekday Education program. But mid-April was extraordinary as we hosted the very popular "Week of the Young Child." Throughout the week, our children

were treated to special visits, unique play time and fun activities. From Marionette Play, to Safety Day (with a visit from a fire truck and the police department), to bouncy houses and a Teddy Bear Picnic, this week was both educational and entertaining. Thanks to Providence member Linda Mullis for her face painting skills!



Linda Mullis, AWESOME Face Painter

### Summer Enrollment

The Providence Weekday Education Ministry is well known for its excellent summer program for both full care and preschool students.

We offer two sessions:

#### Session 1

June 5th - July 14th  
(no preschool 6/19 - 6/23)

#### Session 2

July 17th -  
August 18th



Our full care program has a few spots in both sessions in the threes and fours. Our preschool program is open from 9:00am - 1:00pm with the options of having extended hours from 8:00am - 9:00am and 1:00pm - 3:00pm. Come join the fun!

Contact Director Jennifer Rabon  
at [jrabon@providencebc.org](mailto:jrabon@providencebc.org).

## Nominate Deacons

### Deacon Nominations

The process of electing the 2018-2020 Deacon Class begins in May. Deacons serve a three year term. Please pray about whom you would recommend to be a Providence Deacon and then fill out a nomination form.



Nomination forms can be downloaded from the Providence website by going to [www.providencebc.org/connect](http://www.providencebc.org/connect), or pick up a copy in the Rotunda. Return the completed forms to the Deacon Nomination Box in the Rotunda. Nominations will be accepted May 3rd - 17th.

The Special Nominating Committee will meet Monday, May 22nd to begin the process of calling potential nominees.

## Are You Social?

Do you want to keep up with everything going on at Providence? Connect with us on social media and be in the KNOW! Not sure how? Here's a quick tutorial!



**Search for us:** "@providencebccharlotte" or "Providence Baptist Church-Charlotte, NC" You'll see our logo. You've found us! Now, click "LIKE!" Success!



Twitter is for quick 140-character updates. **Search for us:** "@pbccommunity" Now, click "FOLLOW" and you're all set. You'll receive tweets from Providence.



Do you like pictures to tell the story? Our Providence students use an Instagram account to do just that. **Search for us:** "pbccstudentclt" Now click "FOLLOW." You did it!!

## Wednesday Night Meals



Join us for dinner every Wednesday evening from 5:00pm - 6:00pm in the Crouch Fellowship Hall. Just look at this menu for May!

### May 3rd

Breakfast for Supper  
Waffles with Topping Bar  
Sausage Links and Bacon  
Cheese Grits  
Scrambled Eggs  
Fresh Fruit  
Biscuits  
Cinnamon Coffee Cake

### May 10th

Spaghetti with Meat Sauce or Alfredo Sauce  
Grilled Veggies  
Garlic Bread  
Salad and Pizza Bar  
Key Lime Pie

### May 17th

Country Style Steak  
Mashed Potatoes with Gravy  
Broccoli Casserole  
Salad and Pizza Bar  
Yeast Rolls  
Chocolate Chess Pie

### May 24th

Fried Chicken  
Macaroni and Cheese  
Green Beans  
Salad and Pizza Bar  
Biscuits  
Brownies with Ice Cream

### May 31st

**No Supper**

Fellowship suppers resume August 30th

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

## Save the Date! 2017 Women's Fall Retreat



**September 29th - October 1st**

William Black Lodge

\$225 per person

**“Everything Has Its Time:  
The Seasons of Our Lives Lived in Community”**

As women, we are constantly evolving, or rather, our LIVES are evolving. We all experience life in stages.

there is a season,” and we believe that. Sometimes it’s just hard to live it. But, as in all things, life is easier when we live it together.

Where are you now? Where have you been? Where might you be headed? Chances are we have more in common than we realize. No matter your age – physical, emotional, or spiritual – we often share similar experiences, yet with different perspectives.

Come along on a journey to map our seasons, explore the paths we have taken, and seek our commonality found in the image of God that dwells within us. Help us explore our seasons through scripture (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8). There will be stories, teachings, songs, small and large group discussions, art, prayer, guided meditation, and reflection.

One thing we all have in common is the surety that things will change. The Bible tells us “for everything

This will be a wonderfully relaxing weekend with Providence friends, old and new. Get the date on your calendar and plan on being with us! More information and sign ups to come.



*Meet the group of ladies from the Spring 2016 Retreat*



*These rocking chairs await your presence this fall.*

## SHARE IN the Journey

*Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7*



*(l-r) Burt Banks, Greg Simmons, Carl Brooks and Harold Eddins*

Ninety four. Yes, that's 94. That's the combined number of years Burt Banks, Greg Simmons, Carl Brooks, and Harold Eddins have been teaching the 4th grade Sunday School class. Many other gifted adults have assisted along the way, but these gentlemen felt the call to share their talents with 4th graders and never looked back. They have **transformed** lives by helping children memorize all 66 books of the Bible, by orchestrating and directing dozens of Christmas pageants, and by mentoring them simply with their presence.

But for the children, perhaps what they cherish most are the memories. These fourth graders will tell you about "Snipe Hunting" after dark in the deep woods (yep!), repelling DOWN Crowder's Mountain and hiking UP

Morrow Mountain. These experiences are seen as rites of passage by our children and their parents and are always incredibly meaningful. Clearly, this team of teachers has changed lives and built relationships over the past two-plus decades. Now that's **transformational** giving!

## SHARING the Journey



*(l-r) Tata Sing and Harold Eddins*

*Being in Mr. Harold's Sunday School class is something I will never forget. He made learning fun. Mr. Harold was always energetic and willing to help people. He is able to relate to others. Going on the trips was amazing and lots of fun. The trips taught me to love nature. I am grateful for Mr. Harold and the memories he created.*

*Tata Sing*



*The 4th Grade Mt. Morrow excursion.*

## Cheerful Giving

Transformational giving occurs when the Holy Spirit leads the heart of the giver to do more than he feels is possible. It is everyone's responsibility to share their God-given resources. Your financial gifts are needed to maintain our facilities, so that Sunday School classes have a place to meet. Your gifts also ensure that we have things like church vans for excursions and money to pay for resources that our volunteer teachers need.

Give today to transform lives in our Cotswold community and beyond.



*Harold Eddins (l) and Greg Simmons (hat) preparing to take the Providence 4th graders repelling off Crowder's Mountain.*

Share IN the journey of being a cheerful giver by visiting [www.providencebc.org/give](http://www.providencebc.org/give) and supporting the ministries at Providence.

## Worship in May

**Sunday, May 7th**

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Acts 2: 42-47

**Sunday, May 14th**

Acts 7:55-60

**Sunday, May 21st  
Anniversary Sunday**

1 Peter 3:13-22

**Sunday, May 28th**

John 17:1-11



## Summer Schedule



From Anniversary Sunday,

May 21st through

Labor Day Sunday,

September 3rd.

**Rotunda Fellowship  
with Refreshments**

8:30am - 9:15am

**Bible Study**

9:15am - 10:15am

**Worship**

10:30am

## Anniversary Sunday



**Sunday, May 21st**

**Rotunda Fellowship with Donuts**

8:30am - 9:15am

**Bible Study**

9:15am - 10:15am

**Worship**

10:30am

Brass Quartet, Choirs and Handbells

**Anniversary Luncheon**

12:00pm in the Activity Center

The yummy fellowship luncheon will be catered by City BBQ!

(Pulled pork, beef brisket, mac & cheese, baked beans, roll, banana pudding and peach cobbler.)

**Buy your tickets for this special lunch in the Rotunda  
on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings. Cost is \$10pp or \$30 max family.**



**Give Providence a special present!  
Make a gift in honor of our 63rd Anniversary!**



**Special Decision**



Dana Hanson rededicated his life to Christ on April 16th. He and his wife Heather joined Providence in 2009 and are members of the Synago Sunday School class. Dana and Heather have five children: Rudy, Mags, Gracie, Haddie and Lillie.

**New Member**



Anna Grubbs, daughter of Pum and Sam Grubbs, joined Providence by profession of faith on April 23rd. She will be baptized in the coming weeks. Welcome, Anna!

**In Appreciation**

Thank you to all the individuals and groups from Providence who have written notes, brought food or flowers, or stopped by to see me at Sunrise on Providence. Though it's been over a year, losing my dear wife Libby has not been easy. However, your prayers, presence and concern have been very helpful. God bless you!

Buck Gray

Please allow me to say "thank you" for all the cards, phone calls, and especially the prayers since my husband's passing and my hospitalization. This has been of great comfort to me and my family during this time of healing. I also would like to THANK my Sunday School Class for all the food and prayers. I feel that Providence Baptist Church is my home and that we are truly blessed.

JoEllen Arant & Family

**In Sympathy**

- Judy Taylor in the loss of her husband Jim Taylor (Brandon May's grandfather) on March 27th.
- Susan Traver and family in the loss of her mother Marjorie King on March 27th.
- Linda McConnell in the loss of her aunt Dorothy Arthington on April 7th.
- Peg Heavner in the loss of her husband J.R. Heavner on April 13th.
- Martha Arcilesi in the loss of her husband Richard Arcilesi, Sr. on April 15th.



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## **WMU Luncheon**

*Tuesday, May 2nd @ 10:30am  
Home of Billie Jean Simpson*



## **Young Pros Pub Theology**

*Monday, May 8th @ 6:45pm  
Leroy Fox*



## **PrimeTimers**

*Thursday, May 18th @ 12:00pm  
Crouch Fellowship Hall*



## **Anniversary Sunday Luncheon**

*Sunday, May 21st @ 12:00pm  
Activity Center*

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