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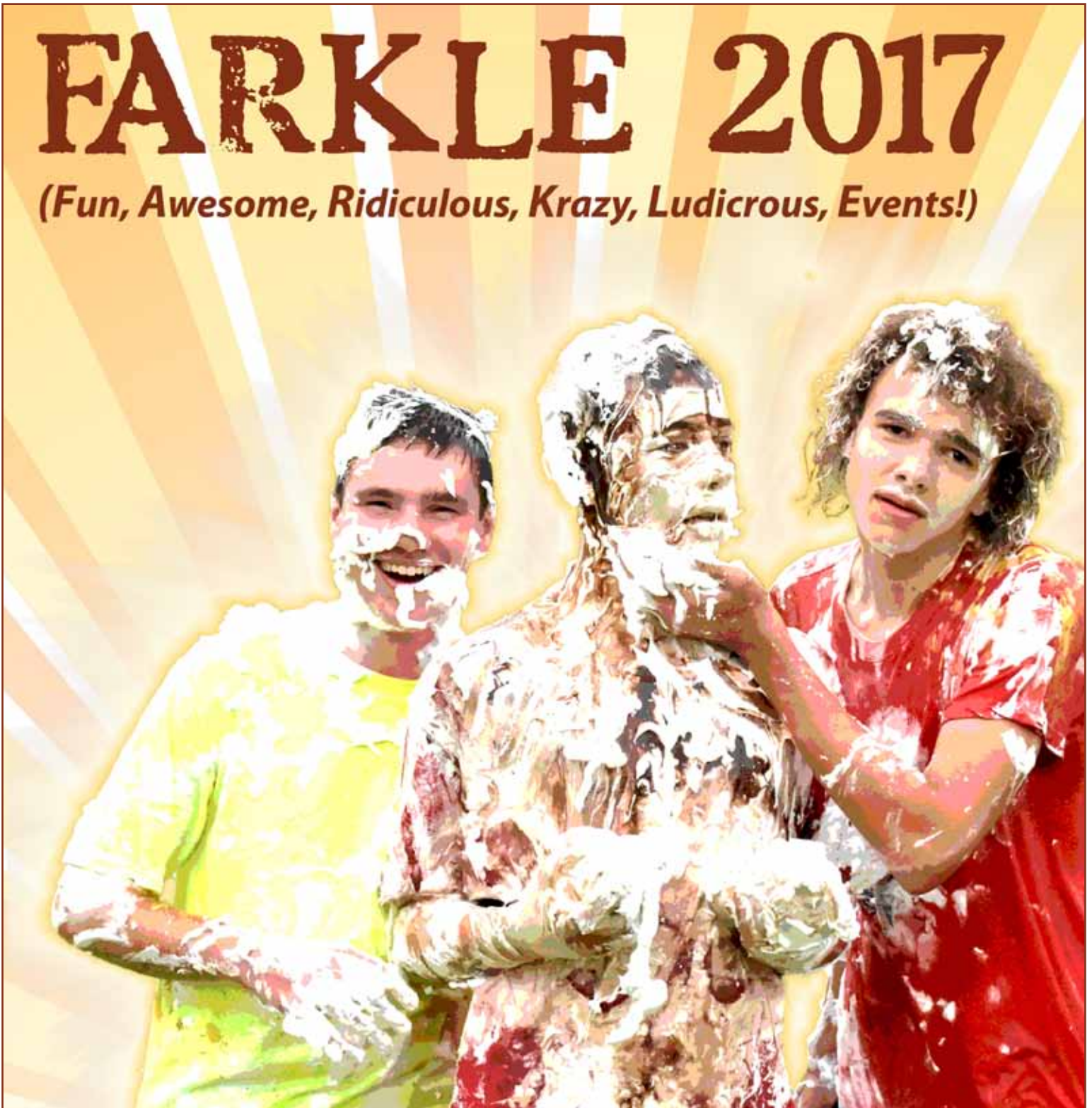
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Shaped By the Cross of Christ



Lee Canipe

At the end of this month, Protestant Christians around the world will mark the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's fateful decision to go public with his theological criticisms of the Church in Rome. Historians still debate whether or not Luther actually nailed his 95 Theses to the front door of the All Saints Church in Wittenburg, Germany, but nobody doubts the significance of what happened on October 31, 1517. Luther's bold, provocative call for reform within the Roman Catholic Church eventually sparked a cultural, political, and religious revolution that, in many ways, marked the end of an old, medieval world and the beginning of modernity.

While we Baptists are not direct descendants of Luther, his ideas have powerfully shaped what we believe to be true about the way God has chosen to reveal His truth to us and restore us to a right relationship, both with Him, and with one another. Luther's emphasis on the authority of Scripture as the written word of God—and his insistence that the Bible be made available to ordinary people in a language they could read—anticipated by about a hundred years Baptist convictions about the centrality of the Bible to the Christian life and our freedom to read and interpret it for ourselves. Likewise, Luther's doctrines of salvation by grace alone and the priesthood of all believers anticipated our faith conviction that every person has the freedom—and the responsibility—to either accept or reject God's generous, undeserved offer of new life through Jesus Christ.

In the spirit of marking the Reformation's 500th anniversary and encouraging continued dialogue amongst fellow Christians in different traditions, the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina scheduled a breakout session on Luther at its annual gathering this past spring. I went to the session, led by David Ratke, who teaches theology at Lenoir-Rhyne University. I'm glad I did. While teaching me things about Luther that I had long forgotten from church history class in divinity school, Ratke's presentation (more importantly) also gave me a deeper appreciation for Luther's "theology of the cross"—that is, his belief that, just as Jesus fully revealed God's true nature in the pain and agony of the cross, we encounter and understand God most fully in the dark, difficult places of our own lives. That alone is worth pondering, particularly when

we're inclined to give credence to those who equate happiness with holiness.

Ratke, though, took this idea a step further by reminding us of how the cross keeps us—or, at least, should keep us—from being presumptuous about who God is, how God acts, and what God's true priorities are. Whenever we're tempted to assume that because something is important to us, then it must be important to God, the cross insists that we put the proverbial horse back where it belongs, in front of the cart. God does not bless what we want. Instead, the long, slow work of salvation—that is, our participation in God's will being done on earth, as it is done in heaven—is about the Holy Spirit transforming us into people who want what God blesses.

There is a difference—and the cross has a way of clarifying that difference. Ratke cited these words of the apostle Paul from 1 Corinthians 1:18 and 1:25: "The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved, it is the power of God ... For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength." The cross, in other words, calls us to be humble about our convictions and modest in our certainties, for even at our best, we are far less wise than we think we are—and God is far less foolish than we sometimes imagine. Remember that next time you hear someone say that the Sermon on the Mount sounds nice in theory, but just isn't practical in the "real world." Just because we doubt, doesn't mean it's not true—and vice versa. Following a crucified Savior necessarily means that we sometimes end up finding God in places where we'd rather not go.

So, thank you, Martin Luther—not just for being brave enough to ask hard questions in 1517, but also for inspiring teachers in 2017 to serve their fellow Christians by reminding us of how the cross of Jesus Christ must shape our lives, either decisively—or not at all.

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 a dark ink on a white background.

*Interested in more information about the Reformation?
Read David Jordan's article on page 4.*

Shred It Day

Saturday, November 4

8:30am - 1:30pm

Activity Center Parking Lot

Bring your sensitive information files and other private papers to be shredded.

Service provided by Carroll Financial.



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The Providence offices will be closed Thursday, November 2 and Friday, November 3 as the staff prepares for Shred It Day. We will be doing some significant housekeeping and purging church files of sensitive out-of-date information.

Libby Gray Media Center

It's official! And it's OPEN!

The Libby Gray Media Center is now fully open and welcoming patrons! On Sunday, September 24, guests enjoyed getting a first-hand look at the beautifully completed Media Center.

Buck Gray and his family were on hand to welcome visitors following both worship services.

The space was decked out with beautiful flowers and a stunning portrait of Libby Gray, the library's visionary and namesake.

The space is a retreat, of sorts. Come by, check out a book, or just sit and ponder. You'll be glad you did.



Deacon on Call

Deacon on call phone number: 704.366.4030x147

- October 1 - 3: Marlyn Morton
- October 4 - 10: John Hall
- October 11 - 17: Jessica Aycok
- October 18 - 24: Seth McKinney
- October 25 - 31: Jason Mercer



Minister on Call

- October 1: Julia Wright (704.458.3710)
- October 8: Lee Canipe (704.975.0340)
- October 15: Dane Jackson (804.651.7768)
- October 22: Timothy Hill (704.641.4270)
- October 29: Richard Landers (704.608.3371)
- November 5: Randy Ballard (704.650.9449)

September 24, 2017

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 Sunday, 9/24 \$ 1,497,777

Expenses

Through Sunday, 9/24 \$ 1,547,153

Net Revenue to Expenses

Through Sunday, 9/24 \$ -49,376

500 Years of Change: Reformation Then and Now



David Jordan

In October of 1517, exactly half a millennium ago, Martin Luther ushered in a new era that would become the modern world. It was a crazy time of new insights, newly found lands, exploitation, widening wealth, deepening poverty, the Renaissance, renewed questions, environmental problems, refugee issues, big personalities and

suspicious of “fake news.”

Though five hundred years ago, eerie parallels emerge with today. Hurting people search for reasons to explain their unhappiness. Then, like now, we look for meaning in the midst of our confusion. Many make choices based upon fear. Unstable surroundings create an environment easily exploited. Prejudice thrives in such a time, as does the manipulation of people’s anger and vulnerability. Enter the prickly personalities who captivate those previously passed by and overlooked. Easy explanations to complex issues feel like good news to hurting people. True or not, cleverly marketed ideas gain viable traction. Fake news and real news battle for hearts and minds.

Our world is and has been reforming. The post-World War II American Century and Cold War has settled into a broader and far more complicated global enterprise. This world is no longer controlled by national priorities voiced in the US Congress. New movements are afoot.

In 1517, rapid change spawned reactionary responses. News in Luther’s day, fake or otherwise, found voice with a new media of moveable type and open access to a plethora of perspectives. Social movements fueled by anger and resentment needed a voice to articulate their anger.

This was a large part of Luther’s genius. He seemed to understand more readily than his contemporaries the value of a clear marketing strategy and regular publicity.

The movement of 1517 began to take shape under

Luther’s sharp words and digestible sound bites. He also leveraged a growing national consciousness among the German states of his day. When the Vatican communicated with him in Latin, he began to retort very publically in his native Saxon German. Responses like these implied a kind of Germanic nationalism wedded with a desire for spiritual integrity. This would become both highly motivating and broadly troubling. Luther’s effective use of new media options like the printing press corresponds well to the social media onslaught now so prevalent in our time.

We know how 1517 turned out. Luther, the movement he spawned, and the Reformers who followed stumbled into an anger and violence that rocked European society for decades to come. Yes, we benefit in many ways from the good that emerged in those days. Yet the legacy remains all mixed up. With helpful spiritual insights, Luther challenged deeper theological thinking and broader participation in the life of the church. His passion for gospel clarity and the reclaimed vision for following Jesus transformed societal norms. Yet the searing mistakes of his reformation should serve as vital warning signs for our own.

Luther’s anti-Semitism generated horrible repercussions then and for the future. His blinding prejudice was not unlike current waves of anti-Muslim, anti-immigrant, anti-refugee impulses ebbing and flowing in our country and in Europe. The time was ripe, then and now, for high profile personalities to fill airwaves and minds with simplistic reasons for societal angst. Open discussion, reasonable discourse, mutual respect and genuine compassion are vital. They were mostly missing in 1517. And today, each must be intimately paired with integrity to stand for what is right, and the courage to stand against what is wrong. The unsettling parallels of those days and today need not remain so similar. Let us learn well from our troubled past.

We need not repeat it.

Holy Land Pilgrimage



The Best of the Holy Land April 9 - 19, 2018

This is a 10-day journey that will change your life. Explore the land where Jesus lived, taught, died and rose again. Expand your knowledge of the Bible. Deepen your faith. See amazing, timeless scenery. Experience the Bible and the roots of our Christian faith as never before. Don’t forget to check out the Jesus Trail “pre-tour” ... walk the same 34-mile route that Jesus walked from Nazareth to the Sea of Galilee.

Contact David Jordan at djordan@providencebc.org.

Pick up a brochure or visit www.providencebc.org/educational-travel.

In Song and Service

“I don’t sing.”

“I can’t carry a tune in a bucket!”

“Trust me, you don’t want me up there ...”

“I can’t even read music.”

Over the years, I have heard many excuses as to why someone won’t join a choir. Sometimes, especially after listening to them, I have agreed with them! But, more so than not, folks just don’t think they have what it takes.

Well, I’m living proof that this isn’t the case. At some point in our lives, we all decide to try something new ... or perhaps, try something again. For me, I had always participated in choirs (thanks Mom) and was continually surrounded by music. But, in the summer of 1995 I stood in front of a group of professors waiting to hear me sing. I was as nervous as I had ever been, and I didn’t have what it takes (at least that’s what I thought).

To make a long story short, those professors poured a lot of knowledge into me over the next 4 years, and I am eternally grateful.

As our choirs get back into their regular schedules, new members and guests are always welcome. Don’t let fear and doubt creep in and keep you from what might be an extraordinary blessing. Come join us as we learn and grow together, in song and service.

Soli Deo Gloria,



Timothy Hill

Student Choir

We are looking forward to a great new year of singing and fellowship.

All middle and high school students are invited!

Sundays at 4:30pm
Lowell Dotson Music Suite



Welcome Caitie!

Caitie Jackson is our new music administrative assistant.

The Music Ministry has already been blessed with her presence and we’re grateful to have her.

Welcome her warmly when you see her smiling face!



Encore Singers

Do you like to sing?
Are you free Thursday mornings?

Then you can be an Encore Singer!

All are invited to the Lowell Dotson Music Suite every Thursday from 9:30am to 10:30am.



Come by for a visit,
stay for a song,
be blessed to be a blessing.

Anderson University Choir



Veterans Day Dinner and Concert

November 11th

The Anderson University Choir will be performing alongside our very own Encore Singers for a special Veterans Day Concert.

They will also be singing in worship on November 12th.

We need to house these students!

You will be blessed by their music.

Can you bless them with a bed?

Contact Caitie Jackson
at cjackson@providencebc.org.

For more information regarding the Music Ministry contact Caitie Jackson at 704.366.4030x121 or cjackson@providencebc.org.

Children's Bible Drill

Helping Children Learn to Follow Jesus

Begins Sunday, November 5
4:30 pm Room 2232

Children's Bible Drill is a discipleship opportunity for children in grades 3-5. In our time together, we learn Bible skills, memorize Bible verses and key passages, and study main truths of the Bible.



Plus, Children's Bible Drill is fun! We utilize games and activities to teach the children in class. We even put verses to music and sing them!

For more information or to register your child, email **Julia Wright** at jwright@providencebc.org.

Jack has been involved in Bible Drill for two years. He has learned so much about the Bible and can find books of the Bible much quicker than his parents. Jack enjoys Bible Drill because of the snack, extra time with his friends and all the fun games and activities they play to help learn about the Bible.



Jack Hendrix

We think Bible Drill is foundational for his faith development and are so thankful for the

time and dedication that Julia gives to this important ministry at Providence.

~ Kristen Hendrix

Weekday Education Ministry

The 2017-2018 school year has begun! Our Weekday Education Ministry is in full swing with both Preschool (9:00am – 1:00pm) and Full Care (7:00am – 6:00pm) programs back in session. We have full enrollment in our full care program and a few two and three day openings in our Preschool 3s and 4s program.

October is a busy month with a visit from our local fire department, the CROP Walk, helping Miss Pamela James in the garden, keeping bodies active with P.E., training our little voices with Miss Debra Wallace, growing our language skills with Play Spanish and most importantly, learning that “God Loves Me!” during chapel with Miss Julia.

If you have not been down for a visit, please come and see the wonderful additions that Cristian Latty and Natalie Lodato have made to our lobby and hallways. These ladies are true artists with a paintbrush and their work has made our Ministry a more welcoming and warm place for our children and their families.

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Enter:
Code #3085



This money goes
toward our
PAC activities.

School Aged Care

Did you know?

The Weekday Education Ministry offers a “School Age” program. We care for children from K through 5th grade from 7:00am to 6:00pm on the days that the Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools system is closed and our Weekday Education Ministry is open. Cost to register is \$25, and the cost of \$50/day includes breakfast, snack, hot lunch and an afternoon snack.



Questions? Want to register?
Contact our office at 704.366.4030x129.

For more information about the Children's Ministry, contact Kristen Hendrix at 704.366.4030x125 or khendrix@providencebc.org.

Dear Church Family...

I need you.

In the past few weeks, many of you have approached me with affirmations, questions, and your own unique visions for the Student Ministries of Providence Baptist Church. The time has come for me to say ‘Thank you’ and to ask for your help. We all want to encourage our students to become faithful followers and influential leaders for Christ, and we all want a peaceful, loving, encouraging community for them to grow in that faith. I am writing to ask you to be catalysts for this vision.

Do any of these sound like you?

- *I like to have fun.*
- *I want to help students know they are welcome, loved and belong.*
- *I want to worship, grow, serve, and share alongside our students.*

There are so many opportunities to say “Yes” to volunteering and helping with Providence Baptist Student Ministries this year! The energy level with our students is HIGH and now is the time to join us in this ministry!

There is something for everyone: all ages, passions, skill levels, and schedules AND it doesn’t matter if you have a current student or not! We can find a match for your commitment level to our needs, as well as create partnerships with other leaders who share in your passions!

Have a specific skill or talent? Want to try something new? We need people like you. Don’t feel equipped? We will have many training opportunities throughout the year for you to ask questions and hear about expectations, support, and details, as well as meet other leaders.

Thinking about it still, but not quite sure? Come out to an event in October and meet our students and leaders. It is pressure-free and a great way to give us a try.

Know someone perfect for a volunteer position? Spread the word! Extend an invitation!

Check out the volunteer roles below. Does something fit your passion?

*Sunday School Teachers
Wednesday Night Teachers
Trip & Event Chaperone
Meal Volunteers
Artists & Decorators
Story Tellers*



Dane Jackson

*Builders
Coffee Enthusiasts
Hospitality Coordinators
Sunday Night Small Group
Leaders*

Have a question or passion for something not listed? Let’s talk about it! I want to say “yes” to you. Contact me or George and let’s get you plugged in!

It is my goal to work with adults throughout our church family to have a student ministry that is authentic, formative, mission-focused, relational, safe, and sustainable.

Won’t you join us??

“Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray.” Proverbs 22:6

Fusion

Wednesday Nights
6:00pm - 7:00pm

All Students
Fusion

Chapman Youth Room

Sunday Night Live

Every Sunday Night
5:30pm - 7:00pm

Yummy Dinner, Fellowship
Fun, Worship

Chapman Youth Room

Dinner Help

Our students like to eat. A LOT.
Can you help?

Bring dinner one Sunday night.

Go to the student page for details
and use the sign up link.

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDIES

Our Wednesday night discipleship seminars are opportunities for adults to learn more about what Jesus expects from us and how to apply those expectations to our lives in very practical ways. Find the seminar that is right for you! All classes begin at 6:00pm. Sign up on the bulletin board leading to the Crouch Fellowship Hall!

October 4

“Good Grief” - Scottie Stamper (Room 1302)

Grief is a response (sometimes overwhelming) to loss. Grief is inescapable—every person is touched by grief at some point in life. During this four-week seminar, participants will discuss types of grief and the grieving process. Participants will also learn about what to say to someone who is grieving, how to practice self-care through the grieving process, and grieving through the holidays. We’ll also discover ways to approach grief healthily—the “Good Grief.”

“Introduction to Handbells” - Timothy Hill (Handbell Loft, Room 2217)



You’ve been entranced by their sound. You’ve marveled at how they work. Ever wonder what it would be like to play handbells? Now is your chance! Stand in with Timothy Hill for “Introduction to Handbells” and enjoy making beautiful music - one note at a time!

October 11



“Being Smart About Planning Your Future” - Carl Brooks and Les Miller (Room 2111)

Join Carl Brooks and Les Miller as they share ideas and strategies for being proactive about making good financial and legal decisions that will help you be better stewards of the resources God has given you. Bring your questions—and a friend!

“Being Smart About Nutrition” - Carly Fenimore (Room 2130)

Registered Dietitian, Carly Johnson Fenimore, will be leading an education class on nutrition. She will provide information on how you can make sure you are incorporating the three main macronutrients correctly into your daily life, highlight key vitamins and minerals important to overall health, and provide tips to help you meet your health goals.



“Teaching Your Children to be Generous” - Julia Wright (Room 2105)

Hear practical tips for how to teach children the basics of money management.

October 18 - November 8



“Becoming Prayerful People” - Lee Canipe (Room 2105)

Lee Canipe will lead us in a four-week study of how Scripture teaches us to pray, and how Christians through the years have found different ways to incorporate intentional, reflective prayer into the daily rhythm of their lives. A significant part of each session will be devoted to practicing these different ways to pray.

“500 Years of Reformation, Then and Now” - David Jordan (Harold Eddins Room, Nalley Missions Center)

Join David Jordan for an exciting reminder of the amazing events that occurred exactly five hundred years ago. Learn also why those events, people and insights still play a vital role in what we believe, do and stand for today. Further, you might be surprised how many parallels there continue to be now in both our religious and political worlds. Join us for four very important sessions to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation.

Senior Adult Visitation Team



Thanks to a devoted group of Providence volunteers, our senior homebound members are being cared for, loved on and celebrated. The Senior Adult Visitation Team is visiting, calling and sending cards to those in our congregation

who can no longer be with us in person.

Many of these seniors live at home or in assisted living facilities and are unable to make the trek to Providence. But they still want to feel connected to their church.

They want to know the latest news from a trusted friend and they want to feel cared about.

We are so thankful to have such dedicated volunteers who are remembering and caring for these special members of Providence. We are very grateful for your ministry!

Team Members include Stephen Brown, Janie Creech, George Crouch, Mary Ann Crouch, Donna Eason, Wilna Eury, Bill Griffin, Martha Haigler, Ruby Heddon, Ann Long Jones, Pike Jones, David Jordan, Dave Miller, Karen Miller, Linda Mullis, Caroletta Partain, Ray Partain, Al Traver, Bob Tunstall and Louise Warren. (Jesse Oxendine, who was passionate about this ministry, is noted as a memorialized member.)

Engage Cotswold

“...love your neighbor as yourself...and who is my neighbor?...”
 Luke 10:27, 29



In an effort to connect with our neighbors here in Cotswold, our Deacons invite the Providence family to prayerfully consider how we can be neighbors to those outside the walls of our church building. We are always looking for more ways to serve and get to know our Cotswold neighbors and your suggestions are welcome. Here are a few simple ways we can make a difference now:

Cotswold Elementary:

- Sign up for the Cotswold Elementary School newsletter to learn about easy volunteer opportunities throughout the academic year. Email cotswoldelem@cms.k12.nc.us to get the newsletter.
- Volunteer for the North Star Reading Partners. Spend one hour with one student once a week. This individual attention can make a critical difference in helping each student become a stronger, more confident reader. Sign up at www.cms.k12.nc.us (go to the Spotlight section) or contact Holly Christian for more information at hollyhchristian@gmail.com.

Cotswold Fire Station #14:

- Did you know that our super firemen at Station 14 on Sharon Amity Road spend a significant amount of time preparing meals for themselves in the station? These firemen take care of us and we want to take care of them! Dianna Neil in our Providence kitchen has graciously offered to bake an extra batch of goodies when she is baking so we can share with those at the firehouse. We need volunteers to deliver the goodies (just around the corner) once every two weeks. Days will vary, but the task is easy and would be much appreciated. Contact Connie Carpenter at carpentercrew@carolina.rr.com.



Waltonwood at Cotswold:

- The residents at the new senior adult living center Waltonwood are our newest neighbors and they are located just one block down the street. We need volunteers to help serve Communion by leading prayer, serving the sacrament, or singing music. You don't have to be a deacon to help. All are welcome to join us for these special and sacred moments. We go every other Sunday afternoon at 2:00pm. Sign up for your visit on the bulletin board leading to the Crouch Fellowship Hall.
- Do you have a talent you could share? Knitting, art, woodworking. The Waltonwood staff and residents would enjoy having you volunteer on a weekly or monthly basis. Share your gifts by helping with their leisure activities.

Contact Connie Carpenter at carpentercrew@carolina.rr.com to help with any Waltonwood opportunity.

Young Professionals

Calling all Young Professionals!

Monday, October 9

at 6:45pm

@ LeRoy Fox



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

Speakers may vary. The friends do not!

Younger Pros

New Age Group for Young Professionals

“The Yo-Yos!”

Early - mid 20s

They have been to college and now they are back. And we are SO glad they are!

Sunday School Class

Randolph Hall Room 2215

Text Randy Ballard for more info at 704.650.9449.



Who IS a PrimeTimer?

Do you enjoy Christian fellowship, good food and being entertained?

Then you are a PrimeTimer!

The Providence Baptist Senior Adult Committee is looking for adults who are available on the third Thursday of every month to mix and mingle with friends.

For years, only retired adults over 65+ attended this fun luncheon. Today, you don't have to wait on that AARP card or retirement to join us!

ALL ADULTS are welcome on the third Thursday from September to May.

It's a great way to meet other adults you may only see on Sunday mornings or Wednesday night. If you are an Encore Singer, walk on down to the Crouch Fellowship Hall after rehearsal every third Thursday. (This short walk equals a great meal and even better friends!)

Your Senior Adult Committee has planned some great entertainment for the upcoming year.

Get involved and become a PrimeTimer. You'll have a great time!

PS: Invite a Friend!

October PrimeTimers

Mark your calendar for ...

PrimeTimers!

Thursday, October 19

12:00pm

\$7.00 per person

Enjoy beautiful music by our very own **Diann Clark.**

You'll be enchanted as you listen to favorite hymns, classical music and much more.



RSVP Deadline:
Sunday, October 15th.

Call 704.366.4030x211 to make your reservation.

TRUNK or TREAT

Friday, October 27

6:00pm - 7:30pm

Princesses, super heros and cartoon characters invade the Providence Campus!

It's TRUNK OR TREAT!

Bring your whole family to the Rotunda parking lot and enjoy grilled hot dogs and cotton candy.

Got a car? Open your trunk and deck it out! See if you've got what it takes to win the decorating contest.

Enter our Pumpkin Carving Contest!

We need candy! Donate your bag today.
(Give to Randy Ballard, a.k.a. The Candy Keeper.)



Basketball Registration

Youth League

Co-Ed Ages 5-8

Girls Ages 7-17

Boys Ages 7-17



Practices begin in November.

Games begin in December.

Pick up registration forms at the Activity Center, the front desk or print online.

Fees:

\$130/player (Providence member)

\$150/player (non-member)

Contact Randy Ballard.

rballard@providencebc.org

Fees and registration due by October 21.

Wednesday Night Meals

You don't have to cook on Wednesday nights! We've taken care of that! Enjoy these family-friendly meals from 5:00pm - 6:00pm every Wednesday night in the Crouch Fellowship Hall.

October 4

Beef Pot Roast
Roasted Root Vegetables
(Carrots and Potatoes)
Broccoli Casserole
Yeast Rolls
Lemon Chess Pie



October 18

Roasted Pork
(with Gravy)
Rice Pilaf
Steamed Broccoli
Yeast Rolls
Banana Pudding

October 11

Chicken and Beef Tacos
Red Beans
Spanish Rice
Nachos with Cheese Sauce
Toppings Bar
Tres Leches Cake

October 25

Chicken Pot Pie
Baked Cinnamon Apples
Steamed Sugar Snap Peas
Yeast Rolls
Boston Cream Cake

Salad and Pizza Bar available, too!

PRICES: Adults and Teens \$8.00, Seniors \$7.00, Children \$5.00, Max Family \$25.00

We Appreciate You!

Each year, the Personnel Committee leads the way in showing appreciation to the Providence staff.

The administrative, operations, clerical and Weekday Education Ministry associates are recognized each April on National Administrative Professionals Day.

We honor our Senior Staff (Ministers) as part of National Clergy Appreciation Day. This year, we will recognize our Ministers on Sunday, October 8th for their unending dedication to the Providence Family with a token of our appreciation.

Please join us in thanking our Ministers by offering your appreciation during the month of October with a handwritten note, a card or another gesture of gratitude! We are so richly blessed to have them!



Sunday breakfast begins October 1st! \$5 per person. Best bacon in town!

Sundays in October

**Worship at
8:30am and 11:00am**

October 1

World Communion Sunday
Matthew 21:23-32
Celebration of the Lord's Supper

October 8

Philippians 3:4b-14
Minister Recognition

October 15

Dane Jackson Preaching
Matthew 22:1-14

October 22

Commitment Sunday
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

October 29

Deuteronomy 34:1-2

Blood Drive

Sunday, November 12

8:00am - 1:00pm
Rotunday Parking Lot

Watch for sign ups in the Rotunda!

All donations stay in the community.
Community Blood Center
of the Carolinas



Commitment Sunday

**October 22
8:30am
and 11:00am
Worship**

**Commitment
Sunday**

Share the Journey and bring your commitment card to worship on Sunday, October 22.

The Stewardship Committee is planning a special morning in worship! Join us!

Read about the incredible ways your tithes and offerings affect our ministries and mission. Article on the next page.

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

We invite you to SHARE IN the Journey at Providence. As we approach our Commitment Day on October 22, we are reminded of the words from Senior Pastor Lee Canipe in the February 2017 issue of Connections:

“... 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 ... 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.”

SHARING the Journey

For the last eight months, we have shared stories of amazing ministries the people of Providence participate in and the blessings that are experienced. Our stories include:

Room in the Inn – Providence has fed and housed our community’s homeless neighbors for 20 plus years.
We built the Nalley Missions Center with your offerings.

Recreation – Many families are introduced to Providence through the youth sports programs and become an integral part of our congregation.
Our soccer fields are maintained with your offerings.

Sunday School – Our 4th grade team of teachers has impacted children for 25 years (and counting).
Because of your offerings, we are able to keep the lights on and have a place for Sunday School to meet.

VBS – Our children sing, pray and laugh their way through a week of memorable and meaningful Bible stories, games and crafts. The opportunity for community outreach is astounding.
We buy craft supplies and teach hundreds of children about the love of Jesus with your offerings.

Mission Trips – From Jamaica, to Philly, to Nashville (and everywhere in between) the people of Providence serve others.
We purchase building supplies and feed our “missionaries” with your offerings.

Adult Sunday School Classes – Our classes become like family through serving, loving and supporting each other and this church.
We fund many charitable projects with your offerings.

MOMS Group – Moms of young children fellowship with other mothers while hearing God’s word and feeling God’s presence through Bible study and community.
We offer free childcare with your offerings.

There is no way to tell ALL the stories of how God is working in and through the people of Providence. These are just a few examples of what we can do together.

Cheerful Giving

We challenge you to think of all the ways God has blessed you (and this church family). We invite you to be a significant part of this church’s journey. Our Providence family goes beyond just “showing up” on Sundays. We DO. But serving God, doing missions, loving our neighbors, and caring for those in need takes money, time, effort, and passion. Make up your mind to give generously.

Help us transform lives. Give at www.providencebc.org/give.

CROP WALK 2017 CHARLOTTE CROP HUNGER WALK

SATURDAY, October 14th
9:00am

Independence Park (Registration begins at 8:00am.)

Sign up in the Rotunda.

If you can't walk, sponsor someone who will.

The coordinators are hard at work to make this a winning event!



Questions? Email the

Coordinators:

Hannah Dotson at hedot93@gmail.com

Kelsey Green at greenkm6@email.sc.edu

Cayce Martin at cmgw2015@att.net

This is your chance to eradicate hunger in your own community!

WMU Meeting

Tuesday, October 3rd

Nalley Missions Center

Prayer Meeting 10:30am

Presentation 11:30am

lunch for \$2 per person



The Student Ministry team will give us an overview of events from their successful summer missions trips.

Questions?

Contact Anne Tunstall at 704.567.9593.

Upcoming Mission Trips

THIS MONTH:

October 18 - 22

\$350 plus air fare

Metro Baptist Church

Open to all adults.

Serve at some of our favorite charities.

Contact Randy Ballard.

rballard@providencebc.org

Looking Ahead: **ADULT Mission Trips**

January 2 - 9, 2018

Gardner's View Baptist Church

Kingston, Jamaica

Open to all adults.

More info soon.

Contact David Jordan.

djordan@providencebc.org

SPRING 2018

Quebec, Canada

More info soon.

Contact Lee Canipe.

lcانىpe@providencebc.org

COLLEGE Mission Trip **May 16 - 20, 2018**

Metro Baptist Church

New York City

Open to all college students.

Plug in with your church family!

\$200 plus airfare

More info soon.

Contact Randy Ballard.

rballard@providencebc.org

New Members



Deborah Barr joined Providence on August 27 by transfer of membership from West Hills Baptist Church in Towson, MD.



Lillie Hanson joined Providence on August 27 by confession of personal faith. Lillie will be baptized October 15.



Mary Claire Smith joined Providence on September 17 by confession of personal faith.



Glenda Potter joined Providence on September 3 by transfer of membership from Trinity Baptist Church in Raleigh, NC.

In Sympathy

- Danita Boyd in the death of her aunt, Lillie Lewis on September 13.
- Alice Nail in the death of her husband, Woody Nail, Jr. on September 13.
- Jim Morgan in the death of his brother-in-law, Gene Key on September 17.
- Georgia Browning in the death of her brother, William Griffin (Raleigh, NC) on September 18.
- Debra Motsinger in the death of her aunt, Rosa Carlton on September 19. Rosa was Valeria Strum's sister.
- Joanne Narciso in the death of her husband, Joe Narciso on September 21.
- Mary Bonheimer on the death of her uncle, Charles Lee Stanfield on September 23.

In Appreciation

Dear Providence Family,

I want to thank each of you for your prayers and support through my mother's illness and passing. Many of you have experienced this journey, and it has meant so much to have you share it with me. I have truly felt surrounded by love and comfort through your cards, calls, memorial gifts, and kind words. For the lesson of patient waiting, I praise God; and may the blessings of love and life fill our hearts with hope for the future.

*Love in Christ,
Debra Wallace and family*

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to Providence Baptist Church for hosting the 31st Annual Celebration of Sacred Music on Sunday, September 24th. The support and assistance of ministerial, administrative and custodial staff is greatly acknowledged. Thank you for allowing us the use of your church facilities to present this ecumenical service of worship for the community.

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Crop Walk

*Saturday, October 14 at 9:00am
Independence Park*



PrimeTimers Luncheon

*Thursday, October 19 at 12:00pm
Crouch Fellowship Hall*



Commitment Sunday

*Sunday, October 22
Worship at 8:30am and 11:00am
Activity in the Rotunda*



Trunk or Treat

*Friday, October 27 at 6:00pm
Rotunda Parking Lot*

Next Connections is November 1, 2017.

Deadline for submitting articles,
photos, announcements, etc, is
Noon, Friday, October 13th.
Articles should be 350 words or less.
Email your submissions to:
ssneed@providencebc.org.
Thank you!



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