

September 1, 2017



PROVIDENCE

BAPTIST CHURCH

Start Here

Affirmation of Baptism

at Cane Creek Park



No Room for Racism, Hatred or Violence



Lee Canipe

There is no room for racism, hatred, or violence in the church of Jesus Christ.

It's hard to believe that this sentence still needs to be written in 2017—and yet it does, because the demonic power of racism, hatred, and violence still knows how to cloak itself in respectable clothing that

wouldn't look out of place in a typical church pew on a typical Sunday morning. The New Testament warns about the pernicious influence of false prophets who come, says Jesus, "in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits" (Matthew 7:15-16a). The apostle Paul echoes this warning in 2 Timothy. "Wicked people and imposters will go from bad to worse," he writes "deceiving others and being deceived" (3:13).

That's how Satan works most effectively, by persuading us that his lies are the equivalent of gospel truth and have God's blessing. Lord only knows how long the list is of the lies that Christians have told—and believed—through the years to justify race-based slavery, segregation, and supremacy. As the old saying goes, the devil knows how to quote Scripture, too. We're foolish if we think otherwise. Wherever these lies continue to be told—and believed—in the name of Jesus, Christians have a moral obligation to tell the truth: There is no room for racism, hatred, or violence in the church of Jesus Christ.

As a pastor colleague of mine in Tennessee recently wrote, telling the truth like this ought to be an ethical layup. It shouldn't be hard to say that racism is wrong. Speaking as a white Christian, though, what is difficult for me, on a daily basis, is the question of how I can, in the words of the Old Testament prophet, Micah, "do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God" (6:8) when it comes to the persistent racism that haunts this country like a restless, malignant ghost.

I have never once, in my life, felt like I was being followed by a security guard as I browsed through a

store at the mall. I have never once, in my life, seen people cross to the other side of the street or clutch their handbags to their side when I approached them on the sidewalk. I have never once, in my life, heard my fellow college students whispering about whether I really *deserved* to be their classmate. I have never once, in my life, watched couple after couple after couple get seated at a restaurant while my wife and I stood waiting to be acknowledged by the hostess. I have never once, in my life, hit a glass ceiling at work while younger and less-accomplished co-workers continued to rise into upper management and beyond. I have never once, in my life, had any doubt in my mind whatsoever that the police are my friends and I can trust the justice system to deal fairly with me.

As a white man in the South, I'll readily confess: The toxic, destructive effects of racism are not part of my everyday experience. If racial prejudice means that people of color often end up on the *short* end of the stick, then I have benefitted significantly from the fact that my whole life has been spent on the *opposite* end of that stick—which makes it hard for me to appreciate just how much poison still remains in our culture.

Probably no conversation has changed the way I think about race more than a casual exchange I had with a fellow Duke divinity student some twenty years ago. Now the pastor of a prominent African-American church in North Carolina, my friend mentioned that he was on his way to get a Duke sticker for his new car. It was actually his dad's old car, but it was a Mercedes, and he didn't feel comfortable driving on the interstate without the sticker. In fact, whenever he drove home to Atlanta, he always wore some sort of Duke apparel. I asked why. Here's what he said: "So that when I get stopped, the state trooper will see that I go to Duke and maybe not think that I stole the car."

I was stunned. I never *imagined* such precautions could possibly even be *necessary*, much less *routine* for a fellow divinity student. So, I asked around. Other black men at Duke said much the same thing. Not *if* I get stopped, but *when*. They just assumed that it would happen. It almost always did.

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That conversation gave me a small window into a different world, one in which the courtesy and respect that I receive and take for granted as a citizen are, for people of color, often replaced by feelings of suspicion and fear. I've never forgotten that conversation. I'm grateful for it. It helps me understand, for example, that when people say that black lives matter, they're not saying that *black* lives matter more than *other* lives. They are, rather, simply saying that black lives *do*, in fact, *matter*. Period. This truth has not, tragically, been self-evident throughout our nation's history.

That needs to change—and it will *begin* to change, I believe, when people like me can find the grace to listen to people of color and their stories of pain and frustration without getting defensive. It sounds like such a small step, but it's a crucially important—and, these days, altogether too rare—first step forward, cultivating the kind of compassion and empathy that

allows us to understand better the path that someone else has walked. I'm convinced that people of good will in this country want America to be a nation that lives up to its most noble ideas for *all* its citizens. A lot more hard work remains to be done before we get there. Listening graciously—with empathy and without getting defensive—will, at the very least, move us in that direction. It's much easier to do justice and love mercy when we can appreciate what these words mean to those who have experienced too little of both.

We believe that Jesus Christ is the one in whose flesh the dividing walls that once divided us have now been abolished (Ephesians 2:14). With that in mind, then, this much is clear: The church of Jesus Christ should be leading the way in doing justice and loving mercy, not bringing up the rear.

May the peace of Christ be with you!



Deacon on Call

Deacon on call phone number: 704.366.4030x147

August 30 - September 5: Mike Freeland

September 6 - 12: Tim Good

September 13 - 19: John Hall

September 20 - 26: Ashley Honeycutt

September 27 - October 3: Marlyn Morton



Minister on Call

September 3: Lee Canipe (704.975.0340)

September 10: Richard Landers (704.608.3371)

September 17: Randy Ballard (704.650.9449)

September 24: David Jordan (704.724.2766)

October 1: Timothy Hill (704.641.4270)

August 20, 2017

Worship Total: 419

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, 8/20 \$ 1,302,391

Expenses

Through Sunday, 8/20 \$ 1,388,400

Net Revenue to Expenses

Through Sunday, 8/20 \$ -86,009

Living Testimonies



David Jordan

All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar's household (Philippians 4:2).

It might not seem like much, but the brief scripture above contains some of the most meaningful words written in the New Testament. Here's why: when they were first recorded, probably around the early 60's A.D., Paul was a prisoner in Rome. We know much of what happened to him because of the details

given in the book of Acts. The scripture references appear below as footnotes.

Paul had been arrested in Jerusalem,¹ was transferred to Caesarea on the coast, appealed for a hearing before Caesar in Rome, and – as a Roman citizen – was granted his entitled request.² Roman policy required Paul to rent, at his own expense, a small apartment in Rome.³ It likely stood adjacent to the Palatine Hill, close to the headquarters of the Praetorian Guard. This consisted of the best trained and most trusted Roman soldiers of Caesar's private army. They protected the emperor, provided crowd control at vital sites in the capital, and watched over important prisoners.

Apparently, the prisoner policy that applied to Paul required guards to be in his private apartment watching over him (some say the guards were even chained to him).⁴ With each shift, a new soldier would enter the apartment, change places with the former guard, and take his position next to Paul. It was not that Paul was considered dangerous; in fact, he was allowed numerous visitors and a good deal of freedom, though all

conversations were probably monitored by the guard.⁵ This made for wise Roman policy. It served as implicit censorship of potentially seditious conversations while still demonstrating a measure of benevolence toward the prisoner and his friends.

The policy also made for a glad paradox. While Paul spoke to friends and foes alike about Jesus, soldiers connected to the Praetorian Guard perhaps overheard his testimony. For, according to scripture, his “imprisonment in the cause of Christ has become well known throughout the entire Praetorian Guard and everyone else.”⁶ Further, the new faith even infiltrated the confines of Palatine Hill and the residence of the emperor, who at the time, was Nero. Whether carried by these soldiers or by others newly converted to the faith, we still hear the far-reaching implications of these fascinating words: “All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar's household.” Think about it. The people closest to Nero—the strange, cruel and future persecutor of Christians—had become followers of Jesus.

Now what about you and your story? Your life is a living testimony that could be of vital help to someone. You can make a difference, even among people you never dreamed you could—like the those in Caesar's household. We might never know. But we can believe ...

Gratefully,

Prayer for the Month:

Lord, allow us to claim glad kinship with those who have gone before.

And let us see ourselves equal to the task that lies before us.

We are no different than they were. You have saved us equally well, graced us with the same good news, joined us to the same grand company of saints, and strengthened us with the same faith that fortified their lives.

Now, Lord, we pray for Your power this week to instill in us the same blessed courage to live for Your glory and to testify for Your kingdom. Amen.

¹ Acts 22:22-25, ² Acts 25:11-12, ³ Acts 28:30, ⁴ Acts 28:16 (in chains Acts 28:20), ⁵ Acts 28:30-31, ⁶ Philippians 1:12-13

Hopeful Harmony

As we prepare for our 2017-2018 programming, there is renewed energy and excitement in the air, a little more spring in our steps, and hope that what we are doing will make a difference. To succeed, we need people, and I would be remiss if I did not point out the importance of our leaders, assistants and members alike. We are truly all in this together. Our unisons build a symphony of hopeful harmony!



Timothy Hill

Please join me in praying for those who give of their time to lead choirs, teach classes, set up rooms, sing, play ... the list could go on and on. Our world is a pretty busy place, and I am so grateful to the many people who give of themselves to give back to this church, our community and to the people of Providence. God calls us together to live in harmony; and together our voices are stronger. As we think about all the things that happen around our church, be encouraged. Good things are happening at Providence.

I'll leave you with these words from the Apostle Paul: *May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 15:5-6).*



Soli Deo Gloria,
Tim



Music for All Ages



The best way to have harmony is to make music – together! We offer opportunities for people of all ages to sing and make music. Come join us ...

Children's Choirs (begins September 6)
Age 3 to 5th Grade
Wednesdays, 5:45pm to 6:30pm

Children's Bells
Grades 4 - 5 (begins September 13)
Wednesdays, 4:45pm to 5:15pm

Contact Debra Wallace at debrabwallace2241@gmail.com.

Student Choir

Sundays, 4:30pm to 5:30pm (begins October 1)
Following choir, students will enjoy a fellowship dinner followed by student programming!

Student Ringers Wednesdays, 7:00pm to 7:45pm

Sanctuary Choir Wednesdays, 7:15pm to 9:00pm
Encore Singers Thursdays, 9:30am to 10:30am
Adult Ensemble Audition with Tim
Adult Bells Contact Debra Wallace

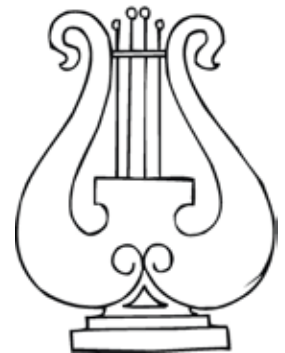
See providencebc.org/music-notes for specific information.

Service of Sacred Music

Metropolitan Music Ministries, Inc.
cordially invites you:

Thirty-second
Annual Celebration
of Music in Worship

**A Service of
Sacred Music**
Sunday, September 24
6:00pm



In the Providence Sanctuary
Martha S. Iley and Ginger G. Wyrick, directors
Diann Clark, organist
Featuring the Providence Baptist Sanctuary Choir

Reception following the service.
This concert is free and open to the public.

Need info?

Visit www.metromusicministries.org.

For more information regarding the Music Ministry contact, Timothy Hill at 704.366.4030x123 or thill@providencebc.org.

Where MOMS Connect

Moms are busy people. Juggling the demands of home and family life can often be wearying. One thing is for sure – moms need to connect with one another. Our MOMs Group is a place for faith-based discussions about parenting, marriage and family life. Our MOMs Group is getting ready to begin another year of ministry. We meet every Thursday morning during the school year from 9:30am – 11:30am in the Upstairs Parlor (over the Rotunda). Our meetings begin with fellowship and refreshments, followed by a devotion and prayer. After our prayer time, we have a program or book discussion. For our first meeting on September 7, we will focus on the “Seasons of Motherhood,” led by Julia Wright. Childcare is available by reservation with Julia at jwright@providencebc.org.

So, no matter where you are on the mothering journey, no matter how old your children are . . . when you come to MOMs Group, you will find a supportive and encouraging group of moms where you will fit right in. Join us!

Every Thursday

beginning September 7
9:30am in the Parlor

Childcare available by
reservation.



Parents Night Out



Friday,
September 29
6:00pm – 9:00pm

For ages 3 – 8
Donations welcome!

Parent's Night Out is hosted by our older girls (and their moms) in Grades 3 - 5. These girls went to Passport Camp this summer and learned about the water crisis in Africa. During camp we gave our missions offering to help people in Malawi have safe and clean water.

The girls are hosting this Parent's Night to raise money for our friends in Malawi, Africa.

Take advantage of this night out and support the missions hearts of our girls.

Reservations required by September 25.

Contact Julia Wright at
jwright@providencebc.org.

Pack a supper for your child.
(Thanks for helping us keep
our costs to a minimum.)

Foundations of Faith



Maddie and Stacy Mercer

We are excited to feature one of our church families this month, the Mercers. Maddie, the 5-year-old daughter of Jason and Stacy and the big sister to Phelps, began in our Weekday Education Ministry as an infant. It was our joy to love her as a tiny baby and then watch her grow through the years. Now, quick as a blink, she is starting her school age years! We are confident that Maddie will do well in kindergarten because of the foundation she has received at Providence.

Our teachers have cultivated a love of learning and have laid a foundation of faith that will serve her well in the coming years. We give thanks to God for Maddie and her sweet family as they now begin a new

season in the journey. Our Weekday Ministry touches many families every day in its outreach and mission. And that is something of which Providence can be proud!



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

Goodbyes and Hellos

I had a professor in Seminary that once said to me: “Just as important as all the ministry you do at a church is how you say ‘Hello’ and how you say ‘Goodbye.’ Well there have been a lot of ‘goodbyes’ and ‘hellos’ in the last few weeks for Caitie and me. Richmond & Charlotte. Family & friends. Second & Providence.

And being good at both ‘hellos’ and ‘goodbyes’ is not easy. We have had to let go and move on from some relationships and receive brand new ones.

One of my favorite ways of thinking about the people I know and love is to compare our relationships to a ‘journey’ through life. I consider the relationships I cherish as ‘gifts,’ and I let go of the ones that are not life-giving for me.

My image for the journey through life is a kind of ongoing bus ride! I have the opportunity to be on the ‘bus of life’ with every person, and I can express my gratitude for ‘the ride’ with those individuals who have been in my life in a special way. The great thing about the ‘bus’ image is that people do get on and off, but ‘the wheels of the bus go round and round’ and there is always the possibility that some people may get back on

the bus at another stop down the road!

I am reminded that Jesus also said goodbye to his friends and he made sure that there would be a time to do this. As he said goodbye, Jesus gave to his friends the Bread and the Cup to hold them over during life’s harder times. He also gave them the hope and promise of the Holy Spirit, who would come after Him and be with them in ways He was no longer able.

It is that hope and promise that enables us to journey through life. And when the time comes to say our “Goodbyes,” we know that God (and others) are ready with a joyful “Hello!”

Grace & Peace,




Dane Jackson

MS Fall Retreat

Middle School

September 8 - 10
Camp Awanita

Cost: \$195

Sign up: Website Student Page
Chaperones Needed



HS Fall Retreat

High School

September 22 - 24
Camp Bob

Cost: \$195

Sign up: Website Student Page
Chaperones Needed

The BIG Unveil



Parents and Students:
Sunday, September 17
5:30pm - 7:00pm
Dinner and Discussion

It's the **BIG** Student Ministry Unveiling!
Discover Dane's plan for Student Ministries.
Don't miss it!

Fall Programming

Wednesday Nights

6:00pm - 7:00pm
Beginning September 6
All Students

Sunday Nights

Beginning October 1
5:30pm - 7:00pm
All students

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDIES

Our mission at Providence is to make disciples of Jesus Christ—and then help them to grow in their relationship with Jesus. 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. We begin our fall schedule with three one-night seminars on September 6. Then, beginning on September 13, we offer four different four-week options. Find the one that is right for you! All classes begin at 6:00pm. **Sign up in the Rotunda now!**

September 6

“Following A Radical Jesus” - David Jordan (Room 2111)



We will study the two most famous – and most controversial – parables of Jesus: The parable of the Good Samaritan and the Parable of the Prodigal Son. With PowerPoint and actual pictures from the land where Jesus sets his stories, you will see amazing sights and discover new insights. Be inspired by studying what Jesus says in these radical and transformative stories.

“Be Smart About Safety” (Room 2304)

A member of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department will be on hand to give an overview about personal safety and how to protect yourself.



“Making High School Count” - Lynn Osment (Room 2306)



College and the college application process always seem to be in the forefront of students’ minds. While this should not consume students’ complete attention, especially freshmen, they should be aware of what colleges typically evaluate in an admission application. There are no secret formulas or mandatory themes required in the successful college search and application process. Establishing authenticity, balance, self-awareness, and even fun will provide for great success in school and beyond. Understanding this will lower the stress and help students see high school as it should be – full of opportunities and possibilities.

September 13 - October 4

Options for Four-Week Series:

“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!

“Foundations for the Bible and the Beginnings of Civilization” - David Jordan (Nalley Missions Center)

Our focus will be on the very beginning of Genesis, especially chapters 2, 3 and 4, where we will remind ourselves of the land, the time and the logic within these valuable scriptures. Mesopotamia, Sumer, Cuneiform, Neolithic Revolution, and the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers will be important words, as will man, woman, wisdom, temptation, fear, competition, herding, farming, irrigation, weapons and sin. This class will be fun – and transformative. You will understand our human condition along with the depth, breath and beginnings of our Bible as never before!

“Providence on Mission” - Randy Ballard (Room 2306)

Do you want to learn more about missions at Providence? Join us for an overview of upcoming mission trips, our partnership with QC Family Tree and service opportunities provided through WMU.



2018 DEACON NOMINEES

These Providence members have been nominated to the 2018 Class of Deacons. Deacon Elections will be held Sunday, October 1st. We will elect 16 deacons and four alternates. Prayerfully consider your choices.



Frankie Ayscue



Burt Banks



Sarah Blackwell



Mary Bonheimer



Stephen Brown



Bill Caldwell



Nancy Coppage



David Eskew



Debbie Garrett



Penny Hewett



Jeff Hinson



Steve Jarrett



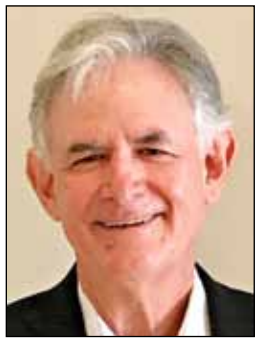
Charlie Jones



Pike Jones



Nancy Lockee



Les Miller



Jamie Pittman



Stowe Query



Catherine Trahan



Sharon Winstead

PrimeTimers

Mark your calendar for ...

PrimeTimers!
Thursday, September 21
12:00pm
\$7.00 per person

Enjoy this unique program
by Bob Wilusz, "The Strolling Accordion."

RSVP Deadline:
Sunday, September 17th.

Call 704.366.4030x211
to make your reservation.



Pictorial Directory Update

New
Times
Now
Available!



Be included in the Providence Directory!

Sign up **NOW** in the Rotunda.

September 7 - 12

September 14 - 18

September 22 - 24

Contact Summer Sneed at
ssneed@providencebc.org.

Young Professionals

Calling all Young Professionals!

Monday, September 18
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!

Dedication & Open House



**Libby
Gray
Media Center**

Sunday, September 24th
Immediately following both worship services.

Step inside this beautiful new space
and be greeted by those who know the library best!

Find out what awaits you in the new
Libby Gray Media Center!

Thursday Morning Bible Study

“Journey Through the Bible”

Every Thursday, Starting September 7th
11:00am Nalley Missions Center



Spend time with David Jordan learning about the very interesting and vitally important period of roughly 400 years between the recording of the Old Testament and the beginning of the New Testament. Understand the fascinating foundation for the coming of Jesus and the beginning of the early church. Begin with the end of the Persian Period, study all of the Greek Period, and review the origins of the Roman Period. What does all this mean? Join us and find out!

See you Thursday mornings for excellent learning and inspiration, along with prayer, fellowship, fun and refreshments!

Backpacks Galore

Thanks to your generosity, the Missions Committee delivered 134 backpacks chock-full of school supplies to QC Family Tree. (QC Family Tree is a local ministry in the West Charlotte neighborhood of Enderly Park. The Missions Committee is thrilled to continue building this relationship as we again participated in their ministry by providing backpacks.)

Once our faithful Providence members provided all the supplies and backpacks, the committee hosted a “packing party,” when members young and old took turns filling the bags with supplies. Our friends at QC were grateful for the special delivery!



Wednesday Night Meals



These family-friendly meals are offered from 5:00pm - 6:00pm every Wednesday night in the Crouch Fellowship Hall. Join us and eat (VERY) well!

September 6

Meatloaf
(with Brown Mushroom Gravy)
Mashed Potatoes
Steamed Broccoli
Yeast Rolls
Chocolate Chess Pie

September 20

Spaghetti with Meat Sauce
Alfredo Sauce
Roasted Vegetables
Garlic Bread
Antipasto Salad
Panna Cotta with Berries

September 13

Pulled Pork
Baked Beans
Potato Salad
Cole Slaw
Sandwich Buns
Peach Cobbler with Ice Cream

September 27

Fried Chicken
Macaroni and Cheese
Green Beans
Biscuits
Vanilla Cake
(with Chocolate Frosting)

Salad and Pizza Bar available, too!

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

Providence Tour and Orientation

Sunday, September 17

9:30am

Join David Jordan
for an inside look at Providence.

Take a tour of campus and learn
why (and how) we do what we do.
It's the perfect opportunity to find out more.

Meet in the Rotunda!



Sundays in September

September 3

10:30am Worship

Exodus 3:1-15

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Beginning September 10

8:30am Worship

11:00am Worship

September 10

Matthew 18:15-20

September 17

Romans 14:1-12

September 24

Matthew 20:1-16

Teachers Needed

We need Sunday School teachers!
Come be a part of Student Ministry
and give your time.
Share your teaching time with other adults -
so it's a once-a-month commitment.

You will be blessed!

Email George Mulley today at
gmulley@providencebc.org.



Sunday School Teachers



For Teachers of Adults!

Sunday, September 10 at 9:45am

Training, led by David Jordan,
will be held in the Activity Center Parlor.

Lee Canipe will offer an adult combined class
in the Crouch Fellowship Hall.

Volunteer

Can you push a button? You are hired!!

We need people to help us run PowerPoint
during worship. Get on the schedule and
serve at your convenience. Please help!

Contact Timothy Hill at thill@providencebc.org.

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

Every Thursday for the last 20 years, the Upstairs Parlor has bustled with young mothers who long for a few minutes with other adults, a sympathetic ear and an encouraging word. They drop off their preschoolers at the Weekday Ministry and make their way upstairs to the Providence MOMs Group.

This group offers a nurturing and supportive environment for women who find themselves in a tender, yet tumultuous, time in their lives. Many mothers have found solace and support, friendship and freedom, direction and discovery here. In short, MOMs Group is a lifeline for mothers who just need to know they are not alone in their struggles and stresses.



MOMs Group women enjoy brunch and each other's company.

SHARING the Journey

I started attending MOMs Group at Providence Baptist two years ago after I stopped working my Corporate America job to be home with my two older children and newborn twins. I desperately longed for fellowship with other mothers in the same stage of life as me, and I desperately needed a few hours of adult conversation and a little break from motherhood. MOMs Group was the perfect balance for me because I was not ready to put my twins in preschool, but just wanted them to have a few hours with other children their age. And, MOMs Group allowed me to have a few hours with moms I grew to love and cherish.



Audrey, Pete, Coleman, Leslie, Ava and Claire Hunt

I love the book discussions around parenting and knowing that there are moms praying and encouraging me along this journey of motherhood. The Providence MOMs Group will always hold a very special place in my heart, and I will always be grateful to Providence Baptist for providing these types of programs to the community.

Leslie Hunt

Cheerful Giving

Your cheerful giving funds childcare for the children of MOMs Group participants.

Your tithe built the childcare space.

Your money keeps the lights on and the smiles bright.

Your support makes all the difference in the world to these mothers.

Your giving transforms lives on a daily basis, even when you can't see it.



MOMs Group 2008

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

Rama Road Tutoring



Sign up NOW
and
**CHANGE
A LIFE!**

The Providence Baptist Church Rama Road Tutoring Program needs **VOLUNTEERS!**

Drive a bus. Read. Donate Snacks. It's easy.
Be someone's hero today!

On Sunday, September 10 sign up in your Sunday School class rooms or in the Rotunda.

Call Dorothy Welling 704.366.3568.
T/TH 3:00pm - 4:15pm

WMU Activities

August Mission Collection

We need GUM. **Yes GUM!**

Help us collect packs of gum for NC Women's Prison Ministry.
Collection area in hallway leading to the Crouch Fellowship Hall.



Tuesday, September 5th 10:30am

Nalley Missions Center

Make sandwiches for Urban Ministry.
Lunch is provided. Attending? Bring a donation for Dane and Caitie Jackson's pounding.

Questions about either of these opportunities?



Contact Anne Tunstall
at 704.567.9593.

Put on Your Walking Shoes

2017 CHARLOTTE CROP HUNGER WALK

SATURDAY, October 14th

9:00am

Get the Charlotte CROP WALK on your calendar.

NOTE: We Walk on Saturday!!

Be on the lookout for sign-ups and ways you can support this great cause.

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

Coordinators:

Hannah Dotson at hedot93@gmail.com

Kelsey Green at greenkm6@email.sc.edu

Cayce Martin at cmgw2015@att.net



Adult Mission Trips

Next Up:

October 18 - 22

\$350 plus air fare

Open to all adults.

Stay at Metro Baptist Church and serve at some of our favorite charities.

Contact Randy Ballard at
rballard@providencebc.org

DEADLINE: September 29

Looking Ahead:

January 2018

Gardner's View Baptist Church
Kingston, Jamaica.
Open to all adults.

Contact David Jordan at
djordan@providencebc.org
More info soon.

New Members



Keely Allison joined Providence on August 6 by transfer of membership from Carmel Baptist Church in Charlotte.



McLean McGarry joined Providence on August 6 by statement of Christian faith and previous baptism.



Olivia Stockwell joined Providence Baptist on August 6 by confession of personal faith and previous baptism.



Dane and Caitie Jackson joined Providence on August 20th by transfer of letter from Second Baptist Church in Richmond, VA. Dane is the new Minister with Students and Their Families at Providence.



Hannah Aghjayan joined Providence on August 20 by confession of personal faith. Hannah will be baptized in the coming days.



Rebecca Zweier joined Providence on August 6 by transfer of membership from First Baptist Church in Gastonia.

Thank you, Providence

Thank you for all the cards, calls, and visits received during my recent hospitalization and recovery at home. Most importantly I'm grateful for the prayers lifted on my behalf.

Sincerely, Gordon Schmidt

In Sympathy

- The family of Nancy Wampler in her death on July 31st.
- Debra Wallace in the death of her mother, Arminta Brown on July 31st.
- Laurie Shumate in the death of her sister-in-law, Pamela Hughes on August 5th.
- Carolyn Farris in the death of her mother, Mary Geneva Goforth Robinson on August 6th.
- The family of Mike Delaney in his death on August 7th.
- The family of John F. Ray in his death on August 22nd.



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Labor Day Closings

*Monday, September 4
Providence Campus Closed*



Wednesday Studies Begin

*Wednesday, September 6
Various Classrooms*



MOMs Group

*Begins Thursday, September 7 at 9:30am
Upstairs Parlor*



Primetimers Luncheon

*Thursday, September 21 at 11:00am
Crouch Fellowship Hall*

Next Connections is October 1, 2017.

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



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