

November 1, 2017



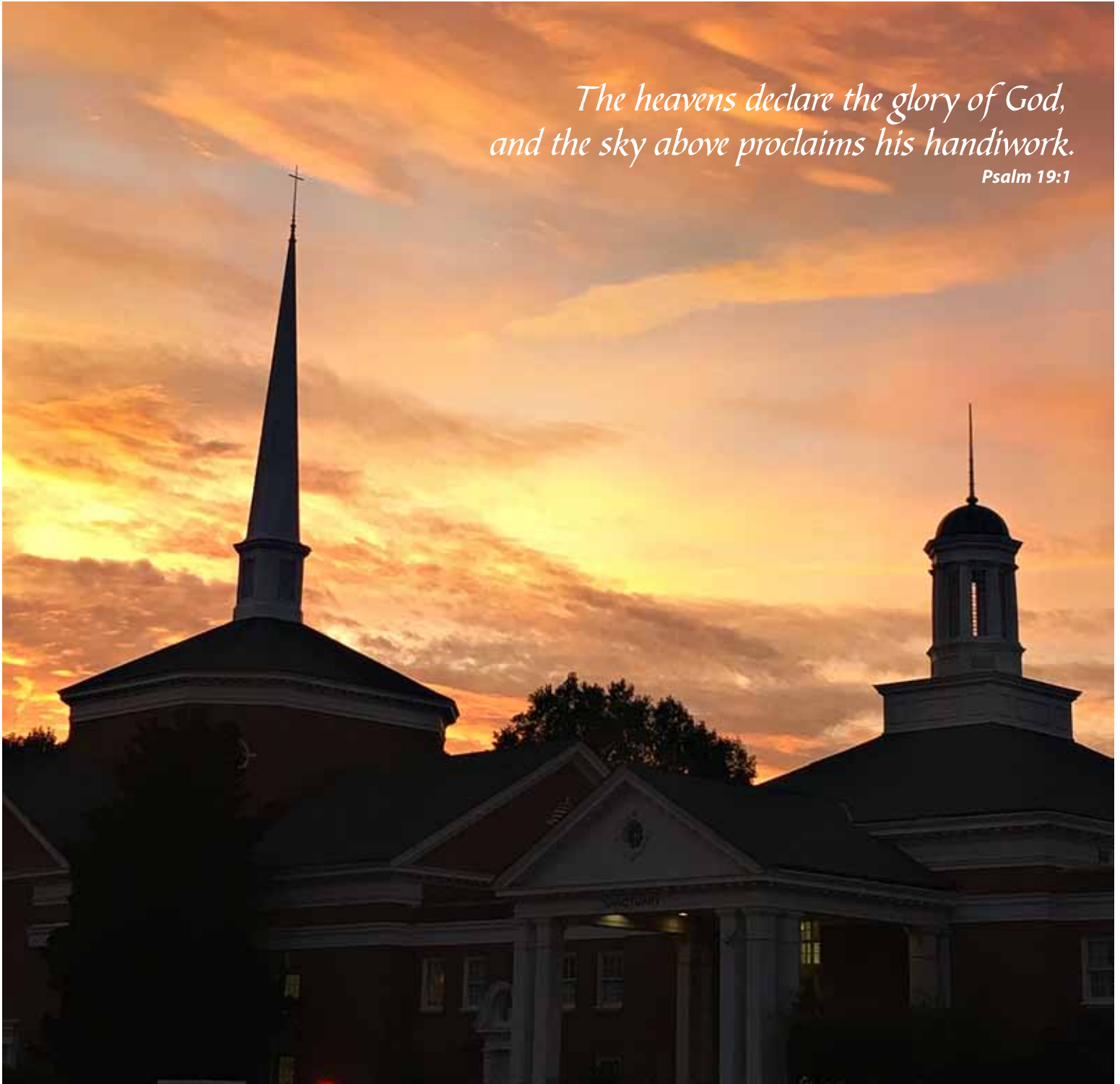
# PROVIDENCE

BAPTIST CHURCH

*Start Here*

*The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.*

*Psalm 19:1*



## Toward a Culture of Call



Lee Canipe

The agenda for our quarterly church conference on November 29 is a full one. The finance committee will present its financial plan for

missions and ministry in 2018, the Nominating Committee will propose a slate of church members to serve new terms on various committees, and we will consider deacon-recommended revisions to our church bylaws regarding how we select individuals to fill the positions of moderator, moderator-elect, and church clerk. We will also consider a recommendation from the deacons to modify the way we call people to serve in the deacon ministry here at Providence. While all these agenda items are important, I believe this last one deserves an extra measure of attention.

Over the summer, our Nominating Committee asked the deacons to discuss ways to improve our process for calling people to serve as deacons. So, at their August meeting—and then again in September—the deacons did just that, talking at length about the strengths and weaknesses of our current process and how to make it better. Out of these conversations emerged a consensus recommendation for reducing the number of deacons called each year to twelve, and affirming them together, as a group, by a paper ballot vote of yes or no. The roster of twelve prospective deacons would be assembled, as it has been for years, by the Special Nominating

Committee, which would solicit nominations from the congregation at the beginning of the process. A nearly unanimous majority of the deacons endorsed this recommendation. The full text of the proposal will be included in the agenda packet available in advance of the church conference.

Now, because we're Baptists, a recommendation like this will likely strike some, if not many, of us as undemocratic, in the sense that it does not provide church members with a way to vote for—or against—individuals on a deacon ballot. This is a valid concern because, Lord knows, we Baptists like to reserve our right to say no. In thinking through this recommendation for myself, though, I found it interesting that, when the first deacons are called to serve in Acts 6:1-6, there is no mention of the church in Jerusalem holding an election. Instead, we're told that the apostles asked the church to select—the nuance of this specific Greek verb is “to look at observantly, to examine, or inspect closely”—seven individuals to serve as deacons. After, we can only assume, doing their due diligence to observe, examine, and inspect, the members of the Jerusalem church called these first seven deacons and had them stand as a group before the apostles who, we read in Acts 6:7, “prayed and laid their hands on them.”

As we all know, democratic elections produce winners and losers. The New Testament model for identifying deacons in the church, meanwhile, seems designed to produce leaders who are called to servant ministry in the same way that we call other ministers to serve in the church. Deliberate, prayerful discernment and examination

comes first, followed by a call to serve—which, if accepted, is then affirmed and blessed by the congregation. The differences between these two ways of calling deacons are significant, especially in light of our church's stated goal of returning our deacon ministry to its biblical roots.

There is, of course, no standard “Baptist” way of calling deacons. At my former church in Murfreesboro, the church roll serves as the deacon ballot—an example of direct democracy if there ever was one. The church in which I was raised, First Baptist in Greensboro, has, since at least the 1970s, followed the same model our deacons are now recommending. I imagine any number of other methods are out there as well. It's the genius of the Baptist way that each congregation enjoys the freedom, in Christ and under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, to decide for itself how best to organize, make decisions, and call leaders. I'm grateful for that freedom. It allows us to tailor our practices to support our priorities.

Our current deacons believe that their recommended modifications to our practice for calling future deacons reflect our stated desire to return Providence's deacon ministry to its biblical roots as a servant ministry in keeping with the New Testament model. I agree with them—and I hope you will, too.

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 on a white background.

## Come Dream Big

**Sunday, November 19**

Crouch Fellowship Hall at 9:45am



**We need you, Providence!**  
 We want to hear  
 what you  
 have to say as we  
 Dream Big for Providence!

Join us for this listening session  
 for our Dream Big Strategic Planning.  
 This is your chance to learn about our strategic priorities  
 and to give us your feedback.

Help us DREAM BIG about what these priorities  
 can look like in the life of our church.

Let's ask...

“What would it look like for us to . . . ?”

**Check out our newly updated Church Profile:**  
[www.providencebc.org/about-us](http://www.providencebc.org/about-us)

## Shred It Day

**Saturday, November 4**

**8:30am - 1:30pm**

Sanctuary Parking Lot

Enter at Hunter Lane

Left on Cadenhead Way

Left toward Sanctuary

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

Our event is co-sponsored by:



**CARROLL**  
 FINANCIAL

**The Providence offices will be closed  
 Thursday and Friday, November 2 and 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.**

## Deacon on Call

**Deacon on call phone number: 704.366.4030x147**

- November 1 - 7: Anne Long Jones
- November 8 - 14: Linda Mullis
- November 15 - 21: Caroletta Partain
- November 22 - 28: David Arant
- Nov 29 - Dec 5: Jane McCoy



## Minister on Call

- November 5: Randy Ballard (704.650.9449)
- November 12: Dane Jackson (804.651.7768)
- November 19: Julia Wright (704.458.3710)
- November 26: Timothy Hill (704.641.4270)
- December 3: David Jordan (704.724.2766)

## October 22, 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, 10/22 \$ 1,690,563

#### Expenses

Through Sunday, 10/22 \$ 1,767,473

#### Net Revenue to Expenses

Through Sunday, 10/22 \$ -76,910

## Working Together for Good



David Jordan

*We know that all things work together for good for those who love God.* Romans 8:28

Halloween and All Saints' Day just passed, consecutive days which represent mystery. Halloween plays with historically uncomfortable forces and ideas. Yes, children dress in garb depicting superheroes and princesses today. But originally, it was a creative effort both to

acknowledge the fear of death and to stave off the forces of evil.

All Saints' Day remembers with love and gratitude those who have died, passing on before us the torch of life and faith. In a way, both days acknowledge a creative tension: fear of the unknown and faith for the future. We want to thrive in life and faith like those who have gone before us. But, too often, we struggle to survive within the unpredictable mysteries of strangeness and sadness.

Romans 8:28 speaks to this ongoing dynamic of our lives. The passage is not saying that God causes bad things to happen. Please do not attempt to comfort someone who has experienced a death in their family by saying: "God took your loved one because heaven needed another angel." No. Tragedies occur. We don't know why and we lack the wisdom and vocabulary to adequately explain. But we can say exactly what this scripture intends: in those bad things, with God's help, good can arise. "All things"—the good and the

bad—can be leveraged for the better. Difficulties can be transformed in the context of community and with friends, for our own growth, for the good of the community and for the benefit of the kingdom. We do not always understand. Like Job in the Bible, we still have questions we want to ask God.

But in the meantime, we contend with what is: love, beauty, goodness, compassion, along with poverty, sadness, loss, suffering and discontent. There is much we will never know. But we can still claim we are not alone; we are all in this together; God is in control of our present and future. And in the power of God's love and surrounded by a caring community of faith, ultimately, all things work together for good for those who love God.

So this month, know that whatever happens, any potential push against your faith can make you better. Know that God will guide your life and spirit in new and good directions. Be assured that, whatever doubts arise, you continue to be God's beloved child, embraced, encouraged, and therefore, emboldened to rise to new challenges and better days.

*"It is the times of greatest trial that arouse the greatest courage."*

Paul Tournier

*Open our hearts, O God, to the truth of your surrounding presence.  
Inspire us with the same kind of faithfulness and staying power those  
who have preceded us felt, understood and acted upon.  
This month, make us brave in our actions and interactions.  
Allow others to see in us enough faithfulness,  
perhaps even some act of courage, that offers a glimpse  
of the eternal hope found only in You. Amen.*

## Meet the Choral Scholars

If you've attended an 11:00am worship service lately, you may have noticed a few new faces. These faces belong to our new Choral Scholars — students from Queens, UNCC, and Wingate who have joined our Sanctuary Choir for the 2017-2018 academic year.

The Choral Scholars program allows students to earn money for school, while giving them the experience of singing with an accomplished church choir, hopefully fostering a lifelong involvement with church music. As you see these students on Wednesdays and Sundays, I hope you'll get to know them, pray for them, and if possible, include them in your lunch plans on Sundays (we all like to eat and fellowship). We are excited to have these talented college students with us. For more information about these Choral Scholars, visit [www.providencebc.org/music/choral-scholars](http://www.providencebc.org/music/choral-scholars).



Timothy Hill

### Amber



UNC Charlotte  
Vocal Performance  
(Junior)

Hometown:  
Raleigh, NC

### Ben



Wingate University  
Music Education  
(Junior)

Hometown:  
Deep Gap, NC

### Justin



Wingate University  
Vocal Performance  
(Senior)

Hometown:  
Randleman, NC

### LaDeija



Wingate University  
Vocal Performance  
(Senior)

Hometown:  
High Point, NC

### Naiya



Queens University  
Music Therapy  
(Junior)

Hometown:  
Hagerstown, MD

### Nicholas



UNC Charlotte  
Vocal Performance  
(Junior)

Hometown:  
Rockingham, NC

## Host Families Needed for November 11

The Anderson University Concert Choir will be performing alongside our very own Encore Singers for a special Veterans Day Concert and dinner. They will also be our guest choir in worship on Sunday, November 12. 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](mailto:cjackson@providencebc.org).**

Veterans Day Dinner and Concert  
November 11th at 5:00pm in the Crouch Fellowship Hall (Tickets only available in advance.)

For more information regarding the Music Ministry contact Caitie Jackson at 704.366.4030x121 or [cjackson@providencebc.org](mailto:cjackson@providencebc.org).

## Family Advent Dinner

Friday, December 1  
6:00pm  
Crouch Fellowship Hall



Providence families! Come celebrate the beginning of the Advent Season! Join us for a special family-friendly meal together, then make your own Advent wreath from fresh greenery. (Bring your pruning shears!)

Our evening will conclude with a brief worship time as we light the first Advent candle together. A devotion booklet will be given to each family to use at home with their wreath.

Space for this event is limited and reservations must be confirmed with payment by November 29. Meal prices are \$7.50 for youth/adults and \$5.00 for children ages 3 and up. The cost for the wreath is \$15.00 per family. Call Kristen Hendrix at 704.366.4030x125 to make a reservation. Childcare for preschoolers under age 3 will be provided following the meal.

This evening promises to be a special way for your family to begin the Advent Season!

A personal word from Julia Wright . . .

*Our family has been using an Advent wreath at home since our boys were babies. Each year, we enjoyed making our wreath at church with our church family. Then, each Sunday evening during the Advent season, we would light the candle for the week and have family devotions and prayer. As we sat by candlelight, we often talked about Christmas plans, too. These are some of my best Christmas memories. This year, I am looking forward to having the boys home from college, so that we can continue this rich tradition. I encourage your family to join us. For parents who want their children to learn to follow Jesus, the Advent wreath tradition is a great place to start.*

## Weekday Education Ministry

**CROP Walk**  
We had a fun time walking, running, skipping and jumping our way through our "mini" CROP Walk. We raised several hundred dollars in support of the Providence CROP Walk team.



### Bat-O-Ween



The children had fun learning about bats at our "Bat-O-Ween" exhibit this month, visiting classrooms during our "Book Character Parade" AND mixing and mingling during our Trunk or Treat.

### Thanksgiving Feast

We are looking forward to our annual children's Thanksgiving Feast on November 21st. All of our children (ages three and up) feast together "family style" with a bountiful lunch prepared by Rocky and Dianna.

Blessings abound!



## Children's Bible Drill

Helping Children Learn to Follow Jesus

Begins Sunday, November 5  
4:30pm Room 2232

Children's Bible Drill is RED HOT this year!  
Come join the fun on Sunday afternoons.

Contact Julia Wright. [jwright@providencecbc.org](mailto:jwright@providencecbc.org)



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

## If We Walk Away Hungry ...

As Thanksgiving approaches, I am reminded of my childhood and the wonderful ritual that was a part of eating at my grandmother's dinner table. Whenever you sat down to her table, there would be two meats on the table just for regular, ordinary meals. There would be many vegetables, all kinds of desserts, and homemade biscuits. And before grace was said, we would all gather around the table and find our places, and my grandmother would come in from the kitchen, and just kinda walk around the dinner table and find her place. As she went, she would carry in her hand, one more plate or bowl of something. We never could figure out where it was going to go on the table, but she would bring it in, and then with a hankie, she would pat the perspiration off of her forehead and she would say: "Now I know it ain't much, but ya'll try to make a meal as best you can."

Now on those high, holy days like Thanksgiving, she prepared even more. On those days I can remember surveying the table and not imagining where one more bowl could be placed, but then behind me on the buffet were all of the desserts that were lined up for the meal. And at the end of the

room - on an end table - she used a towel as a table cloth and had even more over there for us to eat. And sure enough, the same ritual was held. Just before grace was said, she would come shuffling out of the kitchen with one more bowl in her hand. She would wipe the perspiration off of her forehead and as she went around the table, but on this occasion she would say: "Now if you go away hungry, it'll be your own fault."

Early Christian worship began around a dinner table. Eating is not just a Baptist tradition, it's a Christian tradition. This notion that worship is about eating, about sustaining ourselves on the food of grace, goes back to the very heart of Christian worship and the God that feeds us. Because every time we come to worship it's like bellying up to my grandmother's table. There is so much to eat.

And yet, from time to time, I notice that I leave hungry. And you know what? It's my own fault. Because I've come to a wonderful banquet, and somehow I've not participated. Too often, you and I walk away hungry, either because we are too lazy, because we didn't really want to talk to God, or because life itself has weighed us down and our song of hopefulness has left us.

So, as we gather around tables this season with family and friends, may we sense the presence of God and be reminded that we are all a part of God's family.

And as we gather as the family of Providence, we will sit and grace will be said and each of us will pick up one of those bowls or plates and pass it around ... and the meat of salvation will come; and the potatoes of the Spirit will come; and the gravy of God's goodness will come; homemade biscuits of forgiveness will come; and the casserole of kindness and mercy will come; and if we walk away hungry; not only will it be our own fault, but it will be a terrible tragedy.

May you be captivated by the Kingdom of God that permeates all life and gives us cause to be hopeful.



*Dane Jackson*

## Christmas Parties

Save The Date



MS - Hanson Home  
Wednesday, December 6  
5:30pm - 7:30pm

HS - Mulley Home  
Sunday, December 10  
5:30pm - 7:30pm

## Ski Trip

Middle and High Students  
**January 26 - 28**  
Winterplace Ski Resort, WV  
\$195/pp

This weekend will be filled with skiing, worship and fun. More info on the student webpage.



**DEPOSIT DUE:**  
November 19

## Summer Camp

**Summer 2018**  
**June 24 - 29**

**PASSPORTmissions.**

For students 6th - 12th grades

We're headed to Virginia for Passport Missions Camp. Our students will love this hands-on, service-focused camp. We'll meet other students, enjoy games, skits and serve God together.

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

## Sundays

Worship at  
8:30am and 11:00am

**November 5**

All Saints' Day  
1 John 3:1-3

**November 12**

Blood Drive  
Matthew 25:1-13

**November 19**

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

**November 26**

Christ the King Sunday  
David Jordan Preaching  
Galatians 2:19-20

Enjoy a hot Sunday breakfast! \$5 per person.

Best bacon in town!  
Each Sunday from 7:30am - 9:30am.

## Great Day

**Sunday, November 19**

Both worship services

Thinking about joining  
Providence?

Do you know someone  
who wants to join?

Join ranks and walk  
the aisle together and let the  
Providence family open  
their arms to greet you!

Today  
Is Going  
To Be A  
Great  
Day!

We're calling it a "Great Day."  
Essentially, it's a day when we're encouraging those  
who've been pondering joining Providence,  
but just quite haven't gotten it done yet,  
to walk the aisle together.

Join on the same day!  
Come be a part of Providence.

## Blood Drive

**Sunday, November 12**

10:00am - 1:00pm  
Sanctuary Parking Lot

Watch for sign ups in the Rotunda!

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



## All Saints' Day

**Sunday, November 5**

Both Worship Services

You are invited to join us  
as we celebrate the lives of the saints  
who have gone before us in the last year.

This is always a meaningful day  
for Providence.





## Wednesday Night Studies

**November 1 and November 8**

**“Becoming Prayerful People” Lee Canipe**  
(Room 2105 - Kerygma Sunday School Class)  
Lee Canipe continues his study of how Scripture teaches us to pray.

**“500 Years of Reformation” David Jordan**  
(Harold Eddins Room - Nalley Missions Center)  
David Jordan completes this study commemorating the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation.

**November 15**

**“Fighting Hunger While Creating Opportunity”  
Chef Ron Ahlert** - Executive Director,  
Community Culinary School of Charlotte  
(in the Sanctuary)

Join Chef Ron as he tells us about the good work happening at the Community Culinary School of Charlotte and shares his vision for how it benefits the common good in our community. Chef Ron has a passion for workforce development and feeding the hungry, and fully embraces the school’s mission, “Fighting Hunger while Creating Opportunity.”

*The Community Culinary School of Charlotte is one of Providence’s mission partners. The school’s goal of training people for full-time work in the food service industry, helping them find jobs, and then supporting them as they adjust to the demands of a workplace, has made a difference in the lives of many—and is a positive step toward narrowing the opportunity gap that exists in Charlotte. We are happy to partner with Chef Ron and the Community Culinary School of Charlotte.*

*Want to learn more about the school, its café, or its catering service? Check out their website at [www.communityculinary.org](http://www.communityculinary.org).*

**November 22**

**No Wednesday Night Activities**

Happy Thanksgiving



**November 29**

**Church wide Quarterly Conference**

On the agenda: 2018 Financial Plan,  
By Law Changes (For more information,  
see Lee Canipe’s article on page 2.)

**Hanging of the Green Rehearsal**

For all Providence choirs.

## Wednesday Night Meals

Enjoy this family-friendly  
buffet every  
Wednesday from  
5:00pm - 6:00pm  
in the  
Crouch Fellowship Hall.



**November 1**

Breakfast for Dinner!  
Sausage Links and Bacon  
Scrambled Eggs  
Waffle Bar with Toppings  
Cheese Grits  
Hash Browns  
Cinnamon Rolls  
Biscuits

**November 8**

Baked Salmon  
Lemon Dill Rice Pilaf  
Steamed Vegetable Medley  
Corn Muffins  
Slaw  
Key Lime Pie

**November 15**

**Thanksgiving Meal Buffet-Style**

Roasted Turkey with Gravy  
Candied Sweet Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Savory Dressing  
Cranberry Pineapple Congealed Salad  
Yeast Rolls  
Pecan Pie and Pumpkin Pie

**November 22**

No Dinner

**November 29**

Country Syle Steak  
Mashed Potatoes with Gravy  
Steamed Broccoli  
Yeast Rolls  
Caramel Frosted Apple Cake

(Salad and Pizza Bar available except 11/1.)

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

## Young Professionals

Calling all Young Professionals!

**Monday, November 13**

**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 Younger 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.

**Watch for upcoming social events.**



## Prime Timers

Mark your calendar for ...

**Thursday, November 16**

**12:00pm**

\$7.00 per person

The Providence Encore Singers will entertain you.  
Enjoy their fun sing-alongs and other favorites ...

Be sure to join us!

RSVP Deadline:

Sunday, November 12.

Call 704.366.4030x211

to make your reservation.

## Meck Min Thanksgiving

**Tuesday,  
November 21  
7:00pm**

at

**Friendship  
Missionary  
Baptist Church**



Begin your holiday season with a  
community service of thankfulness.

Join other faiths from our area as we worship  
and offer thanks to God.

## Prayer Vigil

**Saturday, December 2**

**8:00am - 12:00pm**

Gordon Weekley Chapel

Spend some quiet moments with God.  
The deacons will offer a meditation guide  
or you can just sit quietly and pray.

## Annual Providence Camping

The 32nd Annual Providence Hiking/Camping Trip  
**November 11th and 12th**

This trip is for campers of all ages and abilities.



We will camp at the Roan Mountain State Park Campground and day hike to Roan Mountain High Shelter and the Roan Mountain Balds on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning.

Saturday night will be spent in the campground with reserved camping sites. Car campers are welcome, but let us know if you are coming ASAP as space is limited.

Each hiker is responsible for his or her own lunch and dinner Saturday and breakfast Sunday morning. (We will stop for breakfast enroute Saturday morning.)

We will depart from the Providence Activity Center at 7:00am on Saturday and return by 4:00pm Sunday.

Email Burt Banks ASAP at [jbbanks@carolina.rr.com](mailto:jbbanks@carolina.rr.com).

## Deacon Election Results

Providence members elected the following servants to the Deacon Class of 2018.

Frankie Ayscue  
Burt Banks  
Sarah Blackwell  
Mary Bonheimer  
Bill Caldwell  
Nancy Coppage  
Penny Hewett  
Jeff Hinson

Steve Jarrett  
Charlie Jones  
Pike Jones  
Les Miller  
Jamie Pittman  
Stowe Query  
Catherine Shoemaker Trahan  
Sharon Winstead



### Alternates

David Eskew  
Debbie Garrett  
Nancy Lockee

## Upcoming Closings

The church office closes at 3:00pm on Wednesday, November 22nd.

The church office and campus will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday on Thursday, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th.



The Activity Center will re-open Saturday, November 25 from 9:00am - 2:00pm.

## Dinner and Concert



\$15 TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE.

### **Veterans Day Dinner and Concert**

November 11 at 5:00pm  
Crouch Fellowship Hall

Enjoy a prime rib dinner and patriotic concert featuring the Providence Encore Singers and the Anderson University Concert Choir. Tickets are \$15 or buy an 8-person table for \$100.

Contact **Caitie Jackson**  
at [cjackson@providencebc.org](mailto:cjackson@providencebc.org).

## SHARE THE JOURNEY

### 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*



#### Commitment Sunday

To date, we have received 199 cards totalling \$1,205,383.32. Of these 199 cards, 35 are new pledges, which total nearly \$79,000.

Were you out of town? Did you miss the service?  
**No worries!**

Just drop your commitment card in the mail or hand deliver it to the church offices.

Want to see your tithes and offerings at work? Go to [www.providencebc.org/connect/give](http://www.providencebc.org/connect/give). During worship on Commitment Sunday, we showed a special "SHARE THE JOURNEY" video, which highlighted many activities of our church family. Want to see? Go to the Providence website to "Connect." Then click on the "GIVE" page and click the link for the video.

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Many thanks to the Stewardship Committee for making this year's campaign a success.

David Bonheimer - Chair Elect  
Charlotte Guthrie  
Randy Hopkins - Chair  
Pete Hunt  
Susan Jones

Suzanne Lail - Secretary  
Genie Marcotte  
Colette McCollum  
Jean Moody - Finance Liaison  
Bunnie Walker

Staff Liaisons:  
David Jordan  
Richard Landers

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### End of Year Giving

The church office closes at 3:00pm on Friday, December 29. In compliance with the IRS, there are several ways to contribute for 2017 tax purposes:

- All contributions received during Sunday services on December 31.
- All contributions hand-delivered to the church office by midnight on December 31, 2017.
- All contributions received with a December 31, 2017 USPS post mark.
- All contributions received into our brokerage account by December 31, 2017.
- All contributions received electronically to our church bank account by December 31, 2017.

**Any contribution received after December 31, 2017 will be treated as a 2018 gift.**



Help us transform lives. Give at [www.providencebc.org/give](http://www.providencebc.org/give).

## Advent Planning at Providence



**Hanging of the Green Rehearsal**

Wednesday, November 29

**Family Advent Dinner**

Friday, December 1 at 6:00pm  
Crouch Fellowship Hall

**Hanging of the Green Service**

Sunday, December 3 at 6:00pm  
Sanctuary

**Baby's First Christmas**

Sunday, December 3 at 9:45am  
Activity Center Parlor

**Preschool Angel Breakfast**

Sunday, December 10 at 9:00am  
Crouch Fellowship Hall

**Worship**

**Christmas Eve**

Sunday, December 24

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

- 10:00am Children, Candles and Carols
- 5:00pm Candlelight, Communion and Carols
- 11:30pm Candlelight and Communion

**New Year's Eve - Sunday, December 31**

- 9:00am Sunday School
- 10:00am Combined Worship

**Holiday Office Closings:**

- Friday, December 22 at 3:00pm
- Monday and Tuesday, December 25 - 26
- Monday and Tuesday, January 1 - 2

## Advent Poinsettias



### Poinsettia Order Form

Cost is \$20 per poinsettia.

Deadline for ordering is Sunday, December 3rd.

Make checks payable to Providence and put "poinsettia" in the memo line. If honoring multiple people, please use a separate form for each poinsettia!

Name of Honoree: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle One:   In Honor   In Memory

Name of Giver: \_\_\_\_\_

Flowers will be in the Sanctuary beginning Sunday, December 10. A listing of Memorials will be in the Lessons and Carols worship guide on Sunday, December 17. **You may take your poinsettia home following the 11:00am worship that day.**

Are you taking your poinsettia home?   Circle One: Yes   No

## CROP WALK

### Success!

We had a great team of walkers in October.

### But we are NOT done yet!

We have not reached our goal of \$12,000.

There is still time to support our Providence Team.

Donate now by contacting:

Kelsey Green at [greenkm6@email.sc.edu](mailto:greenkm6@email.sc.edu)

Cayce Martin at [cmgw2015@att.net](mailto:cmgw2015@att.net)

or Hannah Dotson at [hedot93@gmail.com](mailto:hedot93@gmail.com)



## Parliamentarian



Are Robert's Rules familiar to you?  
You are needed.

The Providence Nominating Committee needs members who can serve as parliamentarians at our church conferences.

If you can help, please call Betts Pyatt at 704.542.3887 or email her at [bettspyatt@yahoo.com](mailto:bettspyatt@yahoo.com).

## Upcoming Mission Trips

### ADULT Mission Trip

January 2 - 6, 2018

Trinityville, Jamaica

\$1200pp (includes airfare)

Contact David Jordan at [djordan@providencebc.org](mailto:djordan@providencebc.org)

We will serve Trinityville Baptist Church during our mission trip to Jamaica. Trinityville is a rural town in the Blue Mountains of Jamaica. (In year's past, we have worked on another church in this circuit, Denver's Pen Baptist Church.)

We will be renovating the church parsonage so that the three churches in this circuit will be able to call a new minister. Currently the parsonage is uninhabitable with a leaky roof and damaged ceiling.

The construction work will involve light carpentry, painting and some roofing work. We will be working with a local contractor and church members.

This trip is open to any church member. Prior construction experience is not required. Due to the size of the construction site the trip will be limited to 12 participants. This is a wonderful opportunity to help these congregations and see our Providence partnership at work in Jamaica.



### ADULT Mission Trip

SPRING 2018

Quebec, Canada

More information soon.

Contact Lee Canipe.

[lcانىpe@providencebc.org](mailto: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!

\$200pp (plus airfare)

More info soon.

Contact Randy Ballard.

[rballard@providencebc.org](mailto:rballard@providencebc.org)

**WMU Meeting**

**Tuesday, November 7**  
Nalley Missions Center

Connie Anderson Prayer Meeting 10:30am  
Presentation 11:30am  
Lunch \$2 per person

Guest Speaker  
Dee Dee Moody  
WMU NC President

For more information  
contact Anne Tunstall.  
704.567.9593



**Mission Collection**

The WMU will be collecting paper towels and toilet paper for the Baptist Children's Home of North Carolina in Thomasville, N.C.



This is the churchwide November mission collection project.

Bring your items to the hallway leading to the Crouch Fellowship Hall by November 30.



**Welcome to Our Newest**

- Ryan Moore and Anne Wiggins welcome their son Nicolas Mitchell Briggs Wiggins-Moore. He was born on September 25 and is the brother of Davis and Ellie.
- Matt and Lexi Scoggin welcome their daughter Sedona Laine Scoggin. She was born on September 15 and is the sister of Selik.

**In Sympathy**

- The family of Susan Middlebrooks in her recent death.
- Jo Ellen Arant in the death of her sister, Eldis Hunnicutt, on September 26.
- Hunter and Janis Cook in the death of their nephew, Shawn Cook, IV on September 30.
- Rob Delellis and family in the death of his father, Robert Delellis, October 10.
- Kenny Davis in the loss of his father, Gregory Lewis Cesario, on October 20. Gregory was also the grandfather of Caroline Davis and the father-in-law of Ashley Morton Davis.
- Debbi Grosch in the death of her brother-in-law, Steven Leon Routh, on October 21.
- Mickey Buford in the death of his father, Harbin Buford, on October 22.
- Billie Jean Simpson in the death of her husband, Harmon Simpson, on October 23.



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## Daylight Saving Time Ends

*"FALL BACK!" Set your clocks back one hour.  
SATURDAY NIGHT, November 4.*



## Veterans' Day Dinner and Concert

*Saturday, November 11 at 5:00pm  
Crouch Fellowship Hall*



## Blood Drive

*Sunday, November 12 from 10:00am to 1:00pm  
Sanctuary Parking Lot*



## PrimeTimers Luncheon

*Thursday, November 16 at 12:00pm  
Crouch Fellowship Hall*

## Next Connections is December 1, 2017.

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

*Thank you!*



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