

January 1, 2018



# PROVIDENCE

BAPTIST CHURCH

*Start Here*



## Greater Things



Lee Canipe

Welcome to the new year! I'm going to forego the usual pastoral reflections about making resolutions, keeping resolutions, breaking resolutions, abandoning resolutions,

and so forth. Everyone knows that even the hardest of New Year's resolutions typically melt away by the end of February. Instead, here at the start of 2018, I'm much more interested in New Year's expectations—specifically, the expectations we have for one another as fellow members of Providence Baptist Church.

Not too long ago, I came across a pledge of commitment that this church adopted back in 1973. "As members of Providence Baptist Church," it begins, "we pledge ourselves to"—and I'm paraphrasing here—faith in Christ, regular worship, personal Christian growth, faithful stewardship, joyful witness, and humble servanthood. These are the expectations that, 45 years ago, we set for ourselves as members of this church.

I'm glad we did this. Just about every other organization I can think of is pretty clear about what its membership expectations are. For some, it's just an expectation that members will pay their dues on time. For others, it's a whole laundry list of expectations, such as attendance requirements, service hours, and even, in some cases, a dress code. When we join these organizations, we agree to meet these expectations—and to hold our fellow members accountable for doing likewise.

For whatever reason, churches do a particularly poor job of articulating expectations for their members. I can imagine what some of these reasons might be. None of them are very good. In fact, I'm persuaded that, sooner or later, a lack of clear expectations leads to a lack of commitment, a lack of initiative, and a lack of life-giving purpose. All of us want to belong to something that matters—and to spend this one life we've been given doing something that matters. The body of Christ is the means by which God has chosen to continue the work of Jesus until He returns. It doesn't get any more significant than that. There is no higher purpose than the mission that the risen Christ has given to His church: Go, make disciples, baptize new believers, teach the way of Jesus, and live in obedience to His commands (Matthew 28:19-20).

And yet, the message that churches send when they fail to articulate clear expectations for their members is: It doesn't really matter. What we're doing here, together, isn't really significant enough for us to expect any sort of commitment, or to require anything of true value or sacrifice, from one another. When expectations are low, we tend to live down to them. That's human nature. That's not, however, what Jesus expects from us. He's not afraid to set the bar high: "Very truly I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater things" (John 14:12). Greater things. Jesus expects greater things from us. Seems like we ought not to be afraid to expect the same from one another.

With this in mind, then, I make a point of sharing my expectations for church membership whenever I talk to new and prospective members of Providence. Turns out—I now

know—that what I've been telling people is an abbreviated version of our 1973 Pledge of Commitment. I'm not surprised: This isn't rocket science. So, what do I expect from each member of Providence Baptist Church? The same things that you should expect of me—and we should expect from one another.

**Be here.** I expect all members of Providence who are healthy and in town to be here on Sunday morning for worship and Christian education.

**Give.** I expect all members of Providence to support the mission and ministry of the church.

**Serve.** I expect all members of Providence to use their spiritual gifts to serve God through this church, both here on Randolph Road and in the Charlotte community.

**Live honorably.** I expect all members of Providence to live in a way that honors Jesus Christ.

None of these expectations are remarkable. They are, really, rather pedestrian, the kind of expectations that shouldn't raise an eyebrow for anyone who has spent time reading the New Testament book of Acts, in which the earliest Christians established a pattern of faithful discipleship for the rest of us to follow.

As we begin this new year, then, let's not only be clear about what we expect from one another; let's expect greater things in 2018. Let's expect more than what we've grown accustomed to as members of this church. It is, I believe, the least we can do.

May the peace of Christ be with you!



*Mission Trip to Quebec! Join Lee Canipe for an informational meeting on the upcoming adult mission trip to Canada this spring. More on page 14.*





# Happy New Year, Providence!

The Providence staff would like to wish you and yours a very happy New Year and God's blessings in 2018.



## Deacon on Call

Deacon on call phone number: 704.366.4030x147

- January 3 - 9: Stephen Brown
- January 10 - 16: Connie Carpenter
- January 17 - 23: Holly Christian
- January 24 - 30: Tim Dukes
- January 31 - February 6: Bob Gaskin



## Minister on Call

- January 5 - 7: Timothy Hill (704.641.4270)
- January 12 - 14: Dane Jackson (804.651.7768)
- January 19 - 21: Lee Canipe (704.975.0340)
- January 26 - 28: Richard Landers (704.608.3371)
- February 2 - 4: Julia Wright (704.458.3710)

## December 17, 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, 12/17 \$ 2,109,710

### Expenses

Through Sunday, 12/17 \$ 2,119,974

### Net Revenue to Expenses

Through Sunday, 12/17 \$ -10,264

## On Honor



David Jordan

What's a man to do these days? With every news cycle as I'm writing this, another report on sexual misconduct emerges. For men of faith, the answer ought to be clear. Honor.

Yes, our world is filled with temptations. Yes, we are bombarded with seductive images,

movies, shows and ads. Yes, we have at our disposal countless opportunities to view material that objectifies women. And yes, we men of faith must reclaim the power of honor.

Beth and I will be celebrating thirty-two years of marriage this January. Let me share a few things I have learned about the incalculable value of loving, of staying with someone, and of honoring another person.

Here's the just the partial list:

Respect, humility, joy, laughter, shared values, growing understanding, deeper commitment; also - changing diapers, cleaning toilets, helping with homework and washing dishes; family reunions, track meets, soccer matches, band performances, hiking trips, memorable vacations; children becoming cool adults, an empty nest, new chapters; interesting challenges, mutual support, deepened friendship, broadened faith, growing love ... This is what honor does.

We are better people now than we were then, hanging in there in spite of pressures and temptations and fantasies of "someone else." We all have them. Those days when we wonder if there might be another lover out there who might make me feel special again, someone I might be tempted to rate high on some arbitrary, chauvinistic "locker room banter" scale.

But honor is better. Committing to honor and honoring commitment is elemental, both to a good marriage

and to a civil society. Honor is cool. Honor is a sign of strength. Honor stands firm, knows how to say no, promotes understanding, demonstrates compassion, offers humility, deepens empathy, extends kindness, asks forgiveness, foregoes shallowness, and shuns haughtiness. Honor facilitates wisdom and calls out for deeper commitments to the people we love. I am honored to love my wife, and to be loved by her.

Not that we have a perfect marriage. No one does. Yet, almost every day my wife reminds me of the person that I want to be. On my good days, I believe I do the same for her. We honor each other. Our mutual imperfections offer hope, that on a bad day, the other one in the relationship can provide the support and stability necessary to keep going. We honor each other as we work to improve how we share life. And what a glad reward it is. What a gift God gives to us to have this opportunity and challenge. It is an honor to love another person, to respect them for all that they are, and to be honored and loved by them, imperfections and all.

Not long ago, we received a photograph in the mail. It was taken thirty-three years ago on a crowded river boat on the Ohio River. The picture was of Beth and me looking at each other. It captured the very special moment when we had just met. But neither of us knew this photograph had been taken. The photographer, a friend of ours, had been going through old photos, found it among his memorabilia and was thoughtful enough to mail it to us.

We have it on our refrigerator now. Every morning I see it when fixing breakfast. I start the day remembering that shared fascination in our young faces. And I am reminded how thankful I am that we have stayed together all this time.

She is better now than she was then. And thanks to thirty-two years of marriage, so am I. What an honor.

*Remember David Jordan's Thursday morning Bible study!*

*All are welcome in the Nalley Missions Center every Thursday beginning January 11 at 11:00am.*

*We will be studying the Epistles from Paul. Come learn a thing or two, and enjoy some fellowship along the way!*

## Making Music in the New Year

With the start of each new year, we often make resolutions about what we would like to do with our time and talents. As you think about these things, I hope you will consider adding a musical element to your list. We have many ensembles at Providence, and the invitation to join is open to all. Take a look at our Music Ministry's offerings—and I hope to see (and hear) you in the new year.




*Timothy Hill*

### Children's Music

We have choirs for preschool 3s all the way up to 5th grade. Led by many wonderful teachers, our children learn to sing and worship. Choirs meet on Wednesdays at 5:45pm during the school year.



### Student Choir

Our middle and high school students rehearse each Sunday afternoon and lead in worship on the second Sunday of the month. We attend Festival by the Sea in March each year, joining other churches for a weekend of music, worship, and fun!



### Sanctuary Choir

The Sanctuary Choir rehearses on Wednesdays from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. This group is open to all singers—no audition required! In addition to leading in worship, the group travels to festivals and retreats, and performs major choral works regularly. This is a great time to join as planning is under way for a trip abroad in 2019!



### Encore Singers

The Encore Singers choir is open to all interested singers who are enjoying the “Encore” of their lives! All are welcome to come and sing. Rehearsals are Thursdays from 9:30am to 10:30am in the Lowell Dotson Music Suite. On the second Thursday of each month, the choir shares music in the community followed by a fellowship lunch.



### Handbells

We have handbell ensembles for children, students, and adults. Rehearsal times vary for each group. If you are interested in ringing, contact Debra Wallace or Timothy Hill. New ringers are always welcomed!



### Instrumental Ensembles

We are always looking to make music together! If you play an instrument, let us know! We would love to have you as a part of our ministry.



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

## A Message from Julia

### sabbatical

I am excited to share the good news that I have been accepted into the Sabbatical Leave program with the Center for Congregational Resources at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama.

This sabbatical leave will take place during the month of January 2018.

Your first question might be WHY have a sabbatical leave? Our church graciously offers its ministers a leave of four weeks every five years. This time is to be spent on spiritual growth and faith development through reading, rest, study, journaling and prayer. In addition, I will be observing in three Birmingham area churches to learn best practices in children's ministry. I am in the "4th quarter" of my ministry to the Church, and I sense that it is time for renewal. My hope is that these weeks will provide direction for the last few years of ministry. I want to finish the race well.

Your second question might be HOW will this sabbatical

leave be funded? I have been awarded a grant from the Center for Congregational Resources and our Endowment Funds at Providence will also be giving money toward the sabbatical. All expenses of staying in Birmingham for a little over three weeks will be funded through these two sources.

While I am away, Kristen Hendrix, our administrative assistant, will be happy to help you in the office. Julie Smith will be helping with Extended Session and will be on the preschool floor each Sunday. Other laity will be covering classes for me. I trust that, as always, you will step forward to help our leadership.

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity. I hope you will pray for me while I am away. Pray that this time will be meaningful and fruitful for the Kingdom.

Blessings,  
Julia

PS. No need to worry about VBS 2018. The first week of sabbatical leave includes attending a VBS workshop!

## The Impact of Ministry



The Providence Weekday Education Ministry is a thriving five-star program (highest rating attainable) that touches over 150 families and supports a staff of 50.

The Ministry is positioned to have an impact during what is one of the most important times in a child's development (birth to age eight). Many of the children who are part of our ministry do not regularly attend church. What we tell them about Jesus and His love may be their only exposure to Christian teachings.

Twelve years ago, Providence was asked to "Dream Big" and committed to a capital campaign to build the Moss Children's Building. We now have the opportunity to support and grow this important ministry. What does that look like?

Increased funding would enable us to:

- Provide scholarships to our community children, and our Burmese and Congolese members.
- Pay our teachers (many of whom are earning single incomes and supporting their families).

We encourage Providence members to participate in our Ministry, to have a regular presence in our building. We have many opportunities to interact with and serve these children. Come be a storyteller in the classroom. Help Virginia Whilden in the Children's Library. Sing with the children during music with Debra Wallace.

Wherever your passions lie, we can put your talents to use as we seek to further God's Kingdom for our youngest.

Can you help us? Stop by for a visit and find your niche with the children!

## Souper Bowl

The founding members of the Souper Bowl of Caring envisioned transforming the time around the Super Bowl into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.

Did you know that in North Carolina, one in every six households fights hunger? On February 4, we will join with others to meet the needs of our hungry neighbors.

On Super Bowl Sunday, we will bring money and canned food items to be distributed to the hungry. One hundred percent of our donations (100%) will remain in Charlotte and will be distributed through Loaves and Fishes. One person can make a difference! It only takes \$1 to buy seven pounds of food.



We hope you will join our team and help us win the fight against hunger!

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



## All in for the New Year *'Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things.'* - Psalm 98:1

2018 is here and we are in full swing with student events! And in the spirit of the new year, I wanted to remind you of all the ways you can connect with Student Ministries. We have some very exciting things planned for the coming weeks and months. Parents, want to give some input? Don't wait! We have a brand new survey available on the student page of our website for feedback and ideas. Go check it out!



Dane Jackson



SNL returns January 7th!  
Come join us for dinner, games,  
worship, & Bible study!



We're beginning a new series  
called "Resolution Runner!"  
for Sunday Night LIVE!



Feed our students! Bring dinner  
one Sunday night. Go to the  
student page to sign up.



Fusion returns for students  
Wednesday, January 3rd.  
Be here to enjoy our  
mid-week hang-out!



Join us each Sunday  
morning in January for our  
series on Nehemiah called  
"Rebuilding the Faith."



Want a daily devotion  
geared toward students?  
Start your mornings right.  
Visit [d365.org](http://d365.org) and sign up.



See all our Student Group  
happenings. You'll love the  
daily scripture images and  
photos of our students!



Parents and students:  
Sign up on "Remind"  
and always be in the know.  
It's simple. Get the latest  
updates via text.

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

## WMU Meeting Tuesday, January 2

Nalley Missions Center

Connie Anderson Prayer Meeting 10:30am

Presentation 11:30am

Lunch \$2 per person

Guest Speaker from Beds for Kids

For more information contact Anne Tunstall.

704.567.9593



## Mission Collection

### Salvation Army Center of Hope



DOING  
THE MOST  
GOOD

We are collecting  
**WHITE** towels for  
the Salvation Army's  
Center of Hope.

Bring your donation to the  
collection area in the hallway  
leading to the Crouch  
Fellowship Hall.



## Endowment Requests

The Providence Baptist Church Endowment  
Committee is accepting Endowment Grant  
Requests until February 1st.

Requests should be made in writing using the  
Grant Request Forms available in the church  
office. The Endowment Committee will  
meet in March and will  
determine which requests  
will be approved for 2018.

Have you seen a need at  
Providence? Make a request  
and help us address it!



## 2018 Committee Chairs

Church Moderator: Tom Philson

Moderator Elect: Steve Jarrett

Church Clerk: Sharon Dotson

Assistant Clerk: Cynthia Mulder

Sunday School Director: David Price

WMU Co-Directors: Penny Hewett &

Anne Tunstall

Librarians: Virginia Whilden & Wilna Eury

### 2018 Committee Chairs

Nominating: Rosalynn Miller

Children's Ministry: Adam Conrad

Endowment: Les Miller

Finance: Dan Perrone

Grounds: Leslie Jones

Missions: Natalie Lodato

Music: Karen Miller

Personnel: Rob Gaither

Property: Jon Hall

Senior Adult: Wilna Eury

Stewardship: David Bonheimer

Student: Steven Allison

Weekday Education: Holland Ferguson

## Church Notifications



If you or a loved one are  
hospitalized or are in  
need of prayer, please  
contact Martha Haigler at  
704.366.4030x112.

Martha cares for our Providence community by  
scheduling visits, notifying deacons and praying  
with those who are hurting.

But if you don't tell us of your need, we won't know!  
Because of HIPPA regulations, hospitals are not  
allowed to inform us of personal situations.  
Please call Martha so we can help!



## Wednesday Night Meals

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

### January 3

Pork Chili  
Chicken Chili  
Baked Potato  
Apple Cobbler  
(with Vanilla Ice Cream)

### January 10

Chicken Pot Pie  
Baked Peach Half  
Sugar Snap Peas  
Cranberry Orange Muffins  
Sweet Potato Pie

### January 17

Pork Roast with Gravy  
Steamed Rice  
Squash Casserole  
Yeast Rolls  
Yellow Cake  
(with Chocolate Frosting)

### January 24

Spaghetti  
(Meat or Alfredo Sauce)  
Roasted Vegetables  
Garlic Bread  
Tiramisu Cake

### January 31

Meat Loaf  
(with Mushroom Gravy)  
Mashed Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Yeast Rolls  
Chocolate Chess Pie

(Salad and Pizza Bar also available.)

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

## Wednesday Night Studies

January Wednesday nights will be varied. Children's programming begins at 5:45pm. Adult and student programming begins at 6:00pm. Here's the schedule:

### January 3

#### **Food and Fellowship Night**

Children and students start their new year off right, as they mix and mingle with their friends during regular programming. Adults will enjoy fellowship following dinner.

### January 10

#### **Steve and Leslie Gretz**

Providence welcomes back the dynamic duo of Steve and Leslie Gretz to our Wednesday night programming. You are invited to this inspirational evening filled with music and fun.



Then, choose from these four-week series options!

### January 17 - February 7

#### **\*The Book of Jeremiah Adult Bible Study**



This series on the Old Testament book of Jeremiah will be taught by Gerald L. Keown, Associate Dean and Bob D. Shepherd, Chair of Biblical Studies at the M. Christopher White School of Divinity at Gardner-Webb University.

#### **\*Build a Birdhouse**

Build your very own birdhouse from start to finish! Carpenter "First Class" Al Traver will work with eight lucky participants for this four-week series. Al will walk you through the whys and hows of basic woodworking, giving you an appreciation for the craft and some knowledge for your next DIY project! You must sign up for this class on the bulletin board in the hallway leading to the Crouch Fellowship Hall. It's first-come, first-served!



## Young Professionals

Calling all Young Professionals!

**Monday, January 8**

**at 6:45pm**

Location TBD



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

Speakers may vary.  
The friends do not!

## PrimeTimers

Mark your calendar for ...

**Thursday, January 18**

**12:00pm**

\$7.00 per person

Les Miller  
Speaker

RSVP Deadline:  
Sunday, January 14.



Call 704.366.4030x211  
to make your reservation.

## Epistles from the Apostle



**Thursday Morning  
Bible Study**  
(beginning January 11)

11:00am - 12:00pm  
Nalley Missions Center

Our Thursday Morning Bible Study returns with a new and important series entitled “Epistles from the Apostle (Paul).” This exciting study, written and presented by David Jordan, will highlight the travels of Paul in Acts and the resulting letters to multiple congregations he either helped to found (like Philippi and Corinth), or planned to visit (like Rome).

Join us in the Harold Eddins Room for stimulating Bible study, real life application, redemptive laughter, refreshing snacks and excellent fellowship!

## Prayer Vigil

**Saturday, January 27**

**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.



## Service in the Keys

Guest Writer Bill Fairley

Thank you for your prayers and support during our recent mission trip to the Florida Keys. Our team is back safe and sound, and we are excited about what God did in (and through) us on our journey.



(l-r) Greg Kay, Staley Green, Bill Fairley, Will Johns and David Purinton

The inspiration for our trip came from Isaiah 6:8 “Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I Lord, Send me!’”

After a 17-hour drive we arrived safely at 5th Street Baptist Church in Key West, Florida to check in with the NC Baptist Men and get our first assignment. The church served as our headquarters for the week. We worked, ate, slept, fellowshiped and prayed with approximately 60 other Baptist men and women from all over the state of North Carolina.

Hurricane Irma made landfall on Cudjoe Key on September 10th as a Category 4 with sustained winds of 130 mph. As we drove through the streets in the Keys we observed varying degrees of damage. Some homes looked untouched while others were a total loss.

During our week we worked on five different



homes. We tarped roofs, tore out moldy sheet rock and carried debris to the street. Then we sprayed to eliminate any remaining mold. But the manual labor was just a part of our work. At each home we had meaningful conversations with the owner, heard their stories and prayed with them.

Our team returned to Charlotte tired, but greatly blessed by the experience. It never ceases to amaze me what God can do through us when we have willing hearts and willing hands.

## Libby Gray Media Center

Guest Writer Wilna Eury

The Libby Gray Media Center is filled with all types of books just waiting to be checked out. It is also a great place to spend a few quiet minutes as you wait for your child or spouse. If you are looking for more than just a good read, we also have plenty of reference books covering a variety of topics from religion to N.C. history, fiction, the “Chicken Soup” series, how-to books, biographies and much more. We currently have 4,000 books available for your reading pleasure in the Media Center.



I’ll admit, until I began volunteering, the adult library was just a room inside the Activity Center. Now, with the completion of the new beautiful space, our vast library is a resource that is ready to be put to good use. The books are waiting to be read! We are about halfway through cataloguing the inventory on the shelves. Once that is complete and the workroom is finished, we will be able to add other books that have been (and are yet to be) donated.

Let me share a particularly special find that jumped out at me while I recently inventoried the collection. My grandmother was a McCorkle (of Scotch-Irish lineage) from Rowan County. For the last many years at the annual McCorkle family reunion, I heard about a book “The Prophet of Zion-Parnassus.” The book was written about my ancestor Samuel Eusebius McCorkle and is out of print. I thought I would never find this book, but to my surprise I found it in the Selby Daniel Collection of our very own Libby Gray Media Center!

You never know what book may catch your attention when you visit the Media Center. Books can take you back in time or to a different place altogether. By the time you read this, I will have finished the treasure I found hidden on the shelf. Perhaps you can find a treasure, too! Make one of your New Year’s resolutions be to stop by the Libby Gray Media Center. You’ll be glad you did!



# Approved 2018 Missions and Ministry Financial Plan

## Providence Baptist Church - 2018 Financial Plan

	<u>2017 Plan</u>	<u>2018 Plan</u>
Tithe & Offerings	\$ 2,169,851	\$ 2,325,800
Bank Interest/Building Use	\$ 9,360	\$ 7,100
General Endowment		\$ -
Maint Endowment		\$ -
Previous Year Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (20,720)	\$ 27,100
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 2,158,491</b>	<b>\$ 2,360,000</b>
Missions (See Note 1a)	\$ 186,264	\$ 186,264
Growth /Outreach	\$ 6,297	\$ 7,200
Pastoral Ministries	\$ 4,828	\$ 6,000
Education Ministries (See Note 2)	\$ 22,004	\$ 22,963
Music Ministries (See Note 3)	\$ 96,180	\$ 86,750
Student Ministries (MS & HS) (See Note 4)	\$ 132,895	\$ 99,645
Children Ministries (PS & ELEM) (See Note 5)	\$ 56,791	\$ 56,703
Senior Adult Ministries (See Note 6)	\$ 16,813	\$ 10,587
Young Adult Ministries (See Note 7)	\$ 26,282	\$ 26,282
Activity/Rec Ministries (See Note 8)	\$ 5,219	\$ 27,933
Food Service / Kitchen (See Note 9)	\$ 71,860	\$ 71,768
General Adm / Operations (See Note 10)	\$ 77,710	\$ 75,893
Media & Technologies (See Note 11)	\$ 77,592	\$ 79,535
Utilities	\$ 151,624	\$ 162,934
Property Maintenance (See Note 1b)	\$ 159,702	\$ 159,200
Grounds	\$ 39,000	\$ 42,000
Debt Service - Children's Building	\$ 79,376	\$ 79,376
Personnel Expenses (See Notes 12-14)	\$ 1,467,721	\$ 1,514,292
<b>Total Gross Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 2,678,158</b>	<b>\$ 2,715,326</b>
<i>Note 1a: Includes a request for General Endowment Grant</i>	\$ (25,000)	\$ (25,000)
<i>Note 1b: Includes a request for General Endowment Grant</i>	\$ (25,000)	\$ -
<i>Note 2: Includes Education Ministry Receipts/Co-pays</i>	\$ (4,571)	\$ (5,530)
<i>Note 3: Includes Music Ministry Receipts/Co-pays</i>	\$ (28,000)	\$ (10,000)
<i>Note 4: Includes Student Ministry Receipts/Co-pays</i>	\$ (92,000)	\$ (61,550)
<i>Note 5: Includes Children Ministry Receipts/Co-pays</i>	\$ (25,000)	\$ (25,000)
<i>Note 6: Includes Senior Adult Ministry Receipts/Co-pays</i>	\$ (8,713)	\$ (6,406)
<i>Note 7: Includes Young Adult Ministry Receipts/Co-pays</i>	\$ (19,000)	\$ (9,000)
<i>Note 8: Includes Activity/Rec Ministry Receipts/Co-pays</i>	\$ (12,214)	\$ (63,400)
<i>Note 9: Includes Food Service/Kitchen Receipts/Co-pays</i>	\$ (49,292)	\$ (49,200)
<i>Note 10: Includes Gen Adm / Ops Receipts/Co-pays</i>	\$ -	\$ (240)
<i>Note 11: Includes a request for General Endowment Grant</i>	\$ (2,592)	\$ -
<i>Note 12: Includes WkDay Ed - FSV/Kitchen Supplement</i>	\$ (35,000)	\$ (50,000)
<i>Note 13: Includes Wkday Ed - Custodian Supplement</i>	\$ (30,000)	\$ (38,000)
<i>Note 14: Includes Wkday Ed - Operations Supplement</i>	\$ (35,000)	\$ (12,000)
<b>Total Receipts - Grants/Co-pays/Supplements</b>	<b>\$ (391,382)</b>	<b>\$ (355,326)</b>
<b>Total Net Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 2,286,776</b>	<b>\$ 2,360,000</b>
<b>Total Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ (128,285)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

**Q4 Meeting Minutes**

Fourth Quarter Church Conference - Q4 November 29, 2017

Various organizations and committees gave reports: (In order of presentations.)

**Deacons** Hunter Cook, Deacon Chair:

The Diaconate has done an outstanding job and has continued to make progress in moving the deacons to be servant leaders for Providence. Mike Walker will be the Deacon Chair for 2018 and Frankie Ayscue is the Deacon Chair-Elect.

**WMU** Penny Hewett, Co-Director:

The WMU continues to strive to be the hands, heart and feet of Jesus. During the 4th quarter of 2017, the WMU participated in many meaningful mission projects and church-wide collections.

**Weekday School** Chair, Holland Ferguson:

Income from tuition is very good and the waiting list is strong. There is a deficit in the 2017 budget due to an increase in health insurance. Looking into 2018, the Weekday School will be making several investments in the infrastructure, which are necessary to prepare for the 3-year reassessment of 5-star rating in 2019.

**Finance** Chair, Jonathan Bensch:

The Finance Committee presented the 2018 Financial Plan for Missions and Ministry. The congregation's extra financial contributions throughout 2017 helped to alleviate the deficit along with the various ministries being diligent in their spending. The proposal has been carefully planned with the involvement of each church committee. The total net expenses shown for 2018 provide for a 3.29% increase which covers staff raises and insurance costs. The projected Revenue for 2018 totaling \$2,360,000 includes a 3% increase of what we anticipate actual revenue to be this year. After Q&A, the vote on the 2018 Financial Plan for Missions and Ministry was unanimously approved. See page 12 for a summary of the plan.

**Stewardship** Chair, Randy Hopkins:

The church has currently received pledges of \$1,549,000 compared to last year at this time of \$1,600,000. 98% of the Diaconate and committee members have turned in their pledge cards.

**Senior Adult** Chair, Wilna Eury:

The Senior Adults have had a great year. The Senior Adult Committee has a lot planned for 2018.

**Youth Student Committee** Chair-elect, Steven Allison:

The Student Committee is grateful for Chair Catherine

Trahan's leadership. Dane Jackson started his ministry at Providence strongly as is reflected in attendance. Student Ministry needs additional teachers in Sunday School and Sunday nights and weekly for Sunday School. Planning is in progress for 2018 trips.

**Nominating Committee** Chair, Betts Pyatt:

The 2018 nominations for committee members, chairs and chair-elect officers were presented. No questions were asked. The vote was unanimous to accept the names listed to serve.

**New Business****Deacon** Chair, Hunter Cook:

On behalf of the Deacons, Hunter made a motion to approve proposed changes and amendments and house rules:

**1. Deacons**

- \* Deacons are called to serve.
- \* It is appropriate to reduce the number of deacons from 48 to 36.
- \* It is more Biblical to call deacons as a slate of 12 individuals and voted on as a group. The Nominating Committee will still appoint a Deacon Nominating Committee and the selection process of Deacons to be nominated will remain the same.

**2. Moderator/Moderator-Elect**

- \* The title of Assistant to Moderator be changed to Moderator-Elect. The 2012 changes in the Bylaws did not reflect this title change.
- \* In the Nominating Charter/Manual there is a limitation on the Moderator and Moderator-Elect regarding limiting their ability to serve on a committee. The Deacons suggested that the bylaws reflect this too.

**3. Church Clerk**

- \* This office should be appointed by the Nominating Committee and voted on by the church.
- \* The Deacons suggested that the Clerk can be allowed to serve on another committee.

After Q&A, a vote was taken and the motion to approve the proposed changes and amendments and house rules as presented was approved.

A complete copy of the 4th Quarter minutes can be requested from the Church offices.

**Draft 2018 Quarterly Meeting Schedule:** February 14th, May 9th, August 8th, November 28th

## A Focused View

Over the next year the Missions Committee will be digging deeper into the biblical directive given in Micah 6. We hope you will prayerfully join us in claiming this verse!!

Act Justly  
Love Mercy  
Walk Humbly  
Micah 6:8

Micah 6:8 says, "He has told you, o mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

Spend some time praying about what this verse means to us as believers, as Sunday School classes and as a church family. More to come! Stay tuned!

## Let's Celebrate!

Our "stretch" goal for the CROP Walk this year was \$12,000. After counting all of our dollars and pennies, our grand total was \$12,140 for 2017! Providence Baptist Church now claims the title of 3rd highest Walk Team in Charlotte!

We want to thank our walkers and contributors who helped those who are dealing with hunger and poverty in our community.

And, thank you, too, to our CROP WALK "Coordinators Extraordinaire," Cayce Martin, Kelsey Green and Hannah Dotson. Terrific job!

## Providence on Mission

### ADULT Mission Trip SPRING 2018

Quebec, Canada



If you are interested in learning more about the upcoming adult mission trip to Quebec, Canada, join Lee Canipe in the Conference Room on Wednesday, January 17th immediately following the

Adult Bible Study (approximately 7:05pm).

Contact Lee Canipe.  
lcanipe@providencebc.org

If you are interested in being part of this mission and do not have a valid passport, please begin the process of getting one.

Visit  
<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports.html>.



**PRAY for our Adults  
who are on Mission!**

**January 2 - 6, 2018**

Trinityville, Jamaica

## COLLEGE STUDENTS!

**Mission Trip  
May 16 - 20**



Metro Baptist Church  
New York City  
Open to all college students.  
Plug in with your church family!

\$200pp (plus airfare)

Contact Randy Ballard.  
rballard@providencebc.org



## Sundays

Worship at  
8:30am and 11:00am

### January 7

Communion  
Ephesians 3:1 - 12

### January 14

Mark 1:4 - 11

### January 21

Deacon Ordination  
John 1:43 - 51

### January 28

Caitie Jackson Preaching

## New Members



Andrew Blackwell joined Providence on December 10th by his profession of faith. Andrew is very involved at Providence and will be baptized February 18th. He is the son of Matt and Sarah Blackwell and the older brother of Thomas. Andrew is nine years old.

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

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

## Deacon Ordination

Newly elected deacons will be ordained during the 11:00am worship service on Sunday, January 21st. Come bless these servant leaders as they embark on this journey of faith and action.

## In Appreciation

I would like to thank the Deacons for their support in helping me this year. The time I spend with you is truly a blessing. I can't thank you enough. Love, Kay Nussman

## In Sympathy

- The family of Ethel Smith in her death on November 27.
- David Pyatt in the death of his cousin, Jim Pyatt on November 27.
- Lisa Daniels and family in the death of her father, W.P. "Bill" Dubose on December 1st.
- Nancy Mitchell in the death of her brother-in-law, Joe Duffel on December 1st.
- Matt Genett and family in the death of his mother, Jane F. Genett on December 2nd.
- Peggy Morgan and family in the death of her brother Clarence Edward Oxford on December 8th.
- Kendall Alley and family in the death of his mother Ruby Beck Alley on December 11th.
- Mandy Jordan and family in the death of her father on December 18th.



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## WMU Meeting

*Tuesday, January 2 beginning at 10:30am  
Nalley Missions Center*



## PrimeTimers Luncheon

*Thursday, January 18 at 12:00pm  
Crouch Fellowship Hall*



## Deacon Ordination

*Sunday, January 21 at 11:00am  
Sanctuary*



## Prayer Vigil

*Saturday, January 27 from 8:00am - 12:00pm  
Gordon Weekley Chapel*

## Next Connections is February 1, 2018.

Deadline for submitting articles,  
photos, or announcements is  
**Noon, Tuesday, January 16th.**  
Articles should be 350 words or less.  
Email your submissions to:  
[ssneed@providencebc.org](mailto:ssneed@providencebc.org).

*Thank you!*



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