

March 1, 2018



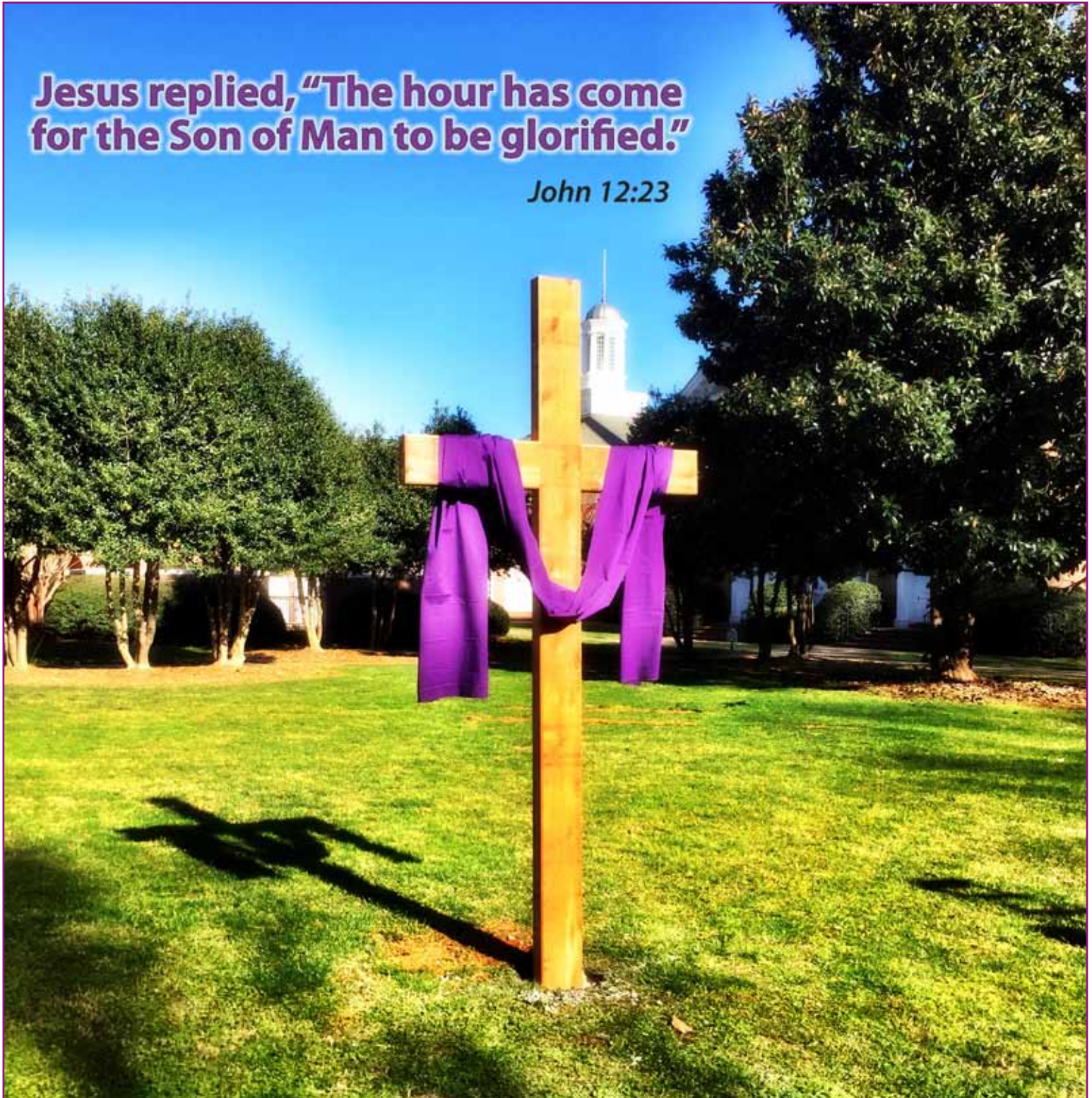
# PROVIDENCE

BAPTIST CHURCH

*Start Here*

**Jesus replied, "The hour has come  
for the Son of Man to be glorified."**

*John 12:23*



## A More Generous Way



Lee Canipe

One of the qualities I treasure about Providence—indeed, one of the qualities that drew me here in the first place—is our stubborn willingness to love one another in spite of our differences of opinions across all sorts of spectrums. As someone told me early on in my time as your pastor, “Providence cares about people more than issues.”

In our angrily polarized American society, this quality presents us with the opportunity to offer the world a Christian alternative to the “us versus them” culture wars that have made civil discourse seemingly a thing of the past.

With that in mind, then, let me share some Baptist news with you. Two weeks ago, the Governing Board of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF) voted to revise the Fellowship’s hiring policy. This policy has no bearing on local churches because, in the Baptist tradition, each congregation is autonomous and self-governing.

So, why does this policy change matter to Providence?

The first reason is that CBF is the Baptist organization with which we’ve chosen to partner for the purposes of supporting Christ-centered missions and ministries around the world. Among all the various Baptist denominations, conventions, and alliances, CBF is the one with priorities most closely aligned with ours. That said, then, when CBF makes decisions that affect the people whose missions and ministries we support with our prayers and our dollars, it ought to matter to us.

The second reason is that the hiring policy revision focused largely on the question of whether participation in a same-sex relationship should be a barrier to service within CBF. This is a question that has divided a number of Christian denominations in this country over the past decade or so—often in bitter, angry, and hurtful ways. I hope that CBF will not go down this road. As members of one of the largest and most prominent Cooperative Baptist churches in North Carolina, though, we need to be aware of the potential for bitterness, anger, and hurt that this decision has created—and be prepared to respond appropriately as Christians determined to follow a Lord who is both demanding and gracious.

Now, some context. Two years ago, at the CBF’s general assembly in Greensboro, a task force was created to consider revising the Fellowship’s hiring policy, adopted in 2000, which prohibited “practicing homosexuals” from serving either as CBF staff members or as missionaries. This task force spent 18 months talking with leaders and lay members of CBF churches, as well as with representatives of CBF’s ministry partners around the world in order to ascertain where Cooperative Baptists and their partners stood on—

and felt about—the question of whether openly LGBTQ Christians in committed relationships should serve within CBF. The task force submitted its report to the CBF Governing Board on February 9. (To read the full report, go to [www.illuminationproject.org](http://www.illuminationproject.org)).

The report contained two specific recommendations: That the hiring policy eliminate the aforementioned reference to sexuality, and that this revised policy be implemented by hiring only missionaries and ministry leaders who “practice celibacy in singleness” or “faithfulness in marriage between a woman and a man.” The Governing Board adopted both recommendations.

The initial responses to these changes have been blistering from CBF people whose convictions place them on opposite sides of this issue. Those who believe that this is a justice issue are hurt and angered by the restrictions spelled out in the implementation procedure. Those who believe that this is a sin issue are incredulous and angered by the relaxation of the hiring policy. Words like heresy and hatred, discrimination and disobedience have been lobbed back and forth on social media like hand grenades between fellow Christians with strong convictions, generating a great deal of heat but very little light.

I am hopeful that, at the local level—which, for Baptists, is the most significant level of church life—fellow Christians with strong convictions can model a better, more generous way of living together under the lordship of Jesus. As a local church with no shortage of Christians with strong convictions and diverse opinions, Providence, I believe, can be a leading light and a sign of grace at a time in our history when both are in short supply.

There is no consensus among Providence people on the question of same sex relationships. This lack of consensus makes us different from a number of other Baptist churches in Charlotte that have come to a conclusion and resolutely planted their flags there. We haven’t. For some of us, this is purely a sin issue. For some of us, this is purely a justice issue. For most of us, I suspect, this is, to a greater or lesser degree, a mixture of both. As is usually the case when free and faithful Baptists must listen to—and obey—their individual, Spirit-led consciences, we stand in many different places on this issue. I’m glad there is room for that kind of freedom here at Providence.

Let us, however, be very clear about where there is consensus among us: We are the church because we all claim the same Lord, Jesus Christ, who saves us from our sins and invites us to new lives in union with God and our fellow believers. “In Christ Jesus, you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ,” writes the apostle Paul in Ephesians 2:13-14. “For he is our peace; in his flesh, he has ... broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us.” Paul calls this a mystery because it is certainly beyond our capacity to

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understand how Jesus can take people who are so different in so many ways and unite them by the power of his love, but it happens again and again throughout the New Testament—and it happens every time we make the deliberate choice to believe the best about one another’s intentions because, together, we believe that Christ alone is the way, the truth, and the life.

All of us are trying our best to live faithfully in the light of God’s love as we are given eyes to see that light. As your pastor, I urge you to remember that. Even the people you think are dead wrong: we’ve got to believe that they’re trying their best, and then encourage them in their efforts to be faithful followers of Jesus. Right now, none of us knows anything in full. We know only in part (1 Corinthians 13:12).

One thing’s for sure, though, writes Paul to the famously fractious Corinthian church: “Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things” (1 Corinthians 13:4-7).

For the sake of a world—and a Fellowship—needing to see that, in Christ, it’s possible for fellow believers with strong convictions to disagree and still work together for good, let us continue doing our best to love one another like Jesus loves us. That is a stand we can all, in good conscience, make together.

May the peace of Christ be with you!



## Providence Labyrinth

Have you ever heard of a labyrinth? Sounds kind of peculiar, but simply put, a labyrinth is a place to walk and pray.

Providence is creating a special labyrinth for Holy Week. It will be located on the Rotunda Green outside by the Sanctuary entrance. The Labyrinth will be crafted out of lights and will be a beautiful display as well as a special prayer tool.

It will be available during Holy Week, March 25 - 31. We invite you to walk the labyrinth and pray. Special prayer guides will be available at the Labyrinth. We hope it will help you relax and concentrate on God during this meaningful season.



Walk  
the  
Holy Week  
Labyrinth  
March 25 - 31

## Deacon on Call

Deacon on call phone number: 704.366.4030x147

February 28 - March 6: Holly Christian

March 7 - 13: Charlotte Guthrie

March 14 - 20: Kelly Perrone

March 21 - 27: Tom Philson

March 28 - April 3: Al Traver



## Minister on Call

March 2 - 4: Lee Canipe (704.975.0340)

March 9 - 11: Dane Jackson (804.651.7768)

March 16 - 18: Julia Wright (704.458.3710)

March 23 - 25: Randy Ballard (704.650.9449)

March 30 - April 1: Tim Hill (704.641.4270)

## February 25, 2018

### Share the Journey

**Weekly Requirement** \$45,385

The average weekly requirement is the \$2,360,000 financial plan for missions and ministry divided by 52 weeks.

### Revenue Received

Through Sunday, 2/25 \$ 389,531

### Expenses Paid

Through Sunday, 2/25 \$ 306,779

### Net Revenue to Expenses

Through Sunday, 2/25 \$ 82,752

## Sabbath Reflections



Julia Wright

The old familiar hymn says,

*Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord; Abide in Him always, and feed on His Word;  
Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak; Forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.*

It was truly a gift to have Sabbath leave time during January to abide with the Lord. In scripture, the Lord often called his disciples apart to have time for rest and prayer. As modern day disciples, we too often forget the necessity of taking care of our spiritual health. During Sabbath leave, I enjoyed plenty of time for reading, study, prayer, and rest. My "home away from home" was a Suites Hotel in Birmingham, Alabama. During the week, I developed my routine of spending the morning inside with quiet time and the afternoons (weather permitting) exploring Birmingham.

On the weekends, I visited with three different churches and their children's ministers. Being a guest in a church is a unique opportunity for me. Through the observations in these churches, I gained new insights and learned some best practices for ministry.

I am thankful for the Center For Congregational Resources at Samford University for their Sabbath grant and to Providence for its support through the endowment funds. I also appreciate the prayers that were offered for my time away. Sabbath leave was a blessing that I will always remember.

*Julia A. Wright*

## Soccer Fun

### Youth Soccer Registration

Deadline: March 15

Member Cost: \$100

Non-member Cost: \$110

Teams for players 9 and under

Games begin April 21

Play through end of May

Call Randy Ballard with the Recreation Ministry for details at 704.366.4030x133.

Download registration form at [www.providencebc.org/sports](http://www.providencebc.org/sports) or pick up in the Activity Center,

Weekday Education Ministry or Rotunda.



## Children's Sunday

Sunday, March 18

Crouch Fellowship Hall

**SOW. GROW.  
GO.**



9:00am Family Breakfast

9:30am Preschoolers Sing

10:00am "Sowing Seeds of Faith"

Parent Seminar with Dr. Janice Haywood

### Sunday Worship

11:00am

Sanctuary

Children will lead us in worship, with singing and ringing.

### Bible Drill & Bible Buddies

5:30pm

Crouch Fellowship Hall

Children's Bible Drill  
Recognition of Bible Buddies

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

## Summer Camp Schedule

Space is limited! Most camps are 9:00am – 1:00pm. Extended care is available before and after camp for an additional fee. Sign up at [www.providencecbc2.org](http://www.providencecbc2.org). Early Bird Special! Register before April 1 and get \$15 discount (minus PassportKids).



### June 18 – 22 VBS Game On!

Cost: Free K – 5th grade (completed)  
Gear up and get ready because the Game Is On! Enjoy music, sports related crafts, recreation, Bible stories, and more! (This camp ends at 12:00noon.) Register for VBS online after April 1 at [www.providencevbs.org](http://www.providencevbs.org).

### June 25 – 29 Basketball Camp

Cost: \$115 K – 5th grade (completed)  
Children will be divided by age and skill level as they enjoy learning this fun sport!

### July 9 – 13 Fitness Camp

Cost: \$115 K – 5th grade (completed)  
Come join your friends and be introduced to all kinds of fitness geared toward children!

### July 11 – 14 Passport Kids Overnight Camp

Cost: \$290 3rd – 6th grade (completed)  
Non-refundable deposit \$100 due now.  
Travel to Converse College in Spartanburg, SC for a week of fun at overnight camp. Enjoy creative worship, interactive Bible study, team building recreation with an emphasis on global missions. Contact: Julia Wright

### July 16 – 20 Soccer Day Camp

Cost: \$115 K – 5th grade (completed)  
Learn the basic skills of soccer and play scrimmage games with friends. Children will be divided into groups by age.

### July 23 – 27 Children's Choir Camp

Cost: \$115 K – 5th grade (completed)  
Join Debra Wallace for a week of singing and acting! Our Friday grand finale will be a musical presentation for family and friends.

### July 30 – August 3 Cooking Day Camp

Cost: \$115 plus \$15 for food K – 5th grade (completed)  
This is one of our most popular camps! We want you to join us for some fun and creativity in the kitchen as we make tasty treats all will enjoy!

### August 6 – 10 Fun with Music Camp

Cost: \$115 K – 5th grade (completed)  
Join Donna Wallace for a week of fun with instruments and making music.

### August 13 – 17 Camp Everything

Cost: \$115 K – 5th grade (completed)  
The perfect camp for the child who enjoys everything! We will do a little sports, science, cooking and so much more.

## Weekday Education Ministry



Has it been a while since you have had occasion to visit our Ministry? Join us for a tour this month and see how we are Blessing Charlotte, Connecting with Cotswold and Creating

Disciples! Each tour begins at 8:30am.

- Wednesday, March 7th
- Friday, March 9th
- Tuesday, March 13th
- Tuesday, March 20th
- Thursday, March 22nd

These dates don't work? Call us at 704.366.4030x135 and we will be happy to work with your schedule.

And this is how we are making a difference. We are:

- **Blessing Charlotte:** We serve over 150 families and have more than 200 people on campus between a staff of 48 ladies and nearly 180 children on any given weekday.
- **Connecting with Cotswold:** 55% of our families live in Cotswold but we have some families that drive from as far as South Carolina to be with us!
- **Creating Disciples:** We have two programs: Preschool (from 9am-1pm) and Full Care (7am-6pm) for children ages 8 weeks to 5 years where children hear the Word of God daily.

## Morning Through Shadows



Dane Jackson

JRR Tolkien said, “You can only come to the morning through the shadows.” I think we, as Christians, do a great job of rejoicing in the resurrection, but sometimes we leave off the part where we found out what Jesus was resurrected from. That portion of most Easter services is a footnote.

If everything was bright and cheery all the time, we would never appreciate it. It takes the whole picture, the darkness of night included, to see the beauty and the value of light. In the same way, if we don’t experience the Lenten journey, then Easter Sunday would become less meaningful. My prayer for all of us during this season is that the Holy Spirit would awaken your soul to the love Christ has for you, so much so that He died for you to have a relationship with God. It’s the path Jesus walked, and we are invited to walk with Him.

## 4th Annual Chili Cook Off



Volunteers and chili submissions are needed! Sign up on the website!

## Congratulations, Kyle!

Kyle Tatich, one of our Providence student graduates, recently gave a speech at Wake Forest University (WFU) for faculty, staff and students during the Founders’ Day Convocation. Since 1868, outstanding students have been tapped for this prestigious honor. Kyle was nominated by the WFU faculty and went through a stringent culling process before he was ultimately chosen for the oration. As a result of his selection, Kyle will receive an award during graduation this May. Congrats!



Kyle Tatich

## Sunday Morning Series

This series is devoted to Christian icons. We’ll ask three powerful questions and find three approaches to finding and developing a stronger, more active faith.



This series touches on common struggles students may experience with their faith journeys. The stories of Francis and Clare of Assisi, Jude and Job, and Teresa of Ávila prompt students to seek love, hope, and peace in times of isolation and hopelessness.

## Sunday Night Series

Join us on Sunday Nights in March as we focus on three different things we should give up in order to be more like Christ.



## High School Spring Retreat

Registration is now open! Join us April 20-22 as we reflect on what it means to build influential relationships with peers both inside and outside the church.



## Passport: Missions Camp

Registration opens March 5th for all 6-12th graders. Sign up on the website at [www.providencecbc.org/students](http://www.providencecbc.org/students).



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

## The Hope of Spring

Each year, as the month of March draws near, I'm reminded of the simple poem "In Like a Lion, Out Like a Lamb" by Lorie Hill.

*March roars in like a lion so fierce, the wind so cold, it seems to pierce.  
The month rolls on and spring draws near, and March goes out like a lamb so dear.*



Timothy Hill

As I reflect on the poem, a theme of hope begins to appear. When the cold winds of life seem to pierce our very souls, we can find warmth and hope in the knowledge that something greater is in store for us. Our hope for "spring" also comes in the form of a lamb—the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. As our Lenten journey brings us closer to the cross, may we find shelter from the cold winds of life in the warmth of the Lamb.

Soli Deo Gloria!

## From Palms to Passion

On Palm Sunday (March 25), during the **11:00am worship service**, our children will process with waving palms singing "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!" This joyous occasion helps us remember the triumphant entry Jesus made into Jerusalem—the beginning of his journey to the cross. Just as those "hosannas" quickly faded, we will also turn our hearts and minds to the Passion of Jesus Christ. To mark this fitting moment in our journey, the Sanctuary Choir and Chamber Orchestra will present the Fauré "Requiem."



As with most requiems, the prayerful plea to "grant them eternal rest" connects us with the incarnate Christ, who became one of us, only to suffer and die. The *Agnus Dei* reminds us that Christ's death accomplished salvation—"Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world: grant them rest." In this unique and timeless work, Fauré finishes his liturgical movement with *In Paradisum* where we are lifted into the very heavens: "God's holy angels lead you to paradise."

As we remember the joyous entrance of Christ, and as we walk the journey together, may we recall Christ's saving work for all the world. In this, we have salvation. "Hosanna in excelsis ... Glory to God in the highest!"

## Paris 2019 - Join Us!

The Sanctuary Choir has been invited to participate in the Paris Choral Festival, to take place on July 8, 2019. The Festival is part of the official 75th Anniversary Commemoration of D-Day: The Battle of Normandy and the Liberation of France. The festival tour will allow participants to experience an Independence Day choral remembrance and wreath-laying at the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial as well as a finale massed choir concert in Paris's famous La Madeleine. However, you don't have to sing to join us for this spectacular trip!

**All are welcome.** Contact Tim, Caitie, or Diann for more information.



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

## Mission Collection

Providence is mixing it up in March!



We are partnering with WMU and the Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV) to provide treated mosquito nets to the people of Ghana. These nets significantly reduce the cases of malaria.

To date, the BGAV has distributed 82,000 nets toward the goal of 100,000.

But this project is called “MORE Than Nets.” What does “more” mean?

A second key component to the project is the goal to plant 345 churches in the Yendi region of Ghana, which is one in every village. More than 100 volunteers have traveled to Ghana and had the privilege of working with the Ghanaians to plant many of these churches.

How Can You Help?

Simply donate! Give your pennies, your nickels, your dimes, quarters and dollars and help us purchase MORE Than (just) Nets. One net is \$10.

## WMU

The WMU will NOT meet in March. Instead, we are inviting people to attend the 2018 Second Harvest Foodbank Empty Bowl fundraiser on Friday, March 23rd at the Charlotte Convention Center.



For event information contact:

Penny Hewett at 704.552.0688  
or  
Anne Tustall at 704.567.9593

## Easter Rock Hunt

Saturday, March 31

10:00am  
Activity Center



Bring your family and friends and join in the fun! Enjoy juice and donuts before

the hunt begins! Then search the Providence campus for rocks of all shapes, sizes and colors.

Turn in your multi-colored collection for prizes and candy.

Find the golden rock and win the ultimate prize!

We've got a special area just for preschoolers so they can participate in the fun.

This is the perfect time to invite friends and family to Providence.

The hunt begins promptly at 10:00am. Don't be late!

## We Need You

Rock Hunt Volunteers Needed  
Adults and Students!

Talk about an easy gig!

Smile, welcome our friends and neighbors, and hand out prizes. Perfect!

Contact Randy Ballard at 704.366.4030x133 if you can help with the Rock Hunt, Saturday, March 31 at 10:00am in the Activity Center.





## Mark Your Calendar

Lent is a meaningful season during the Christian year as we contemplate Jesus' sacrifice and resurrection. The Providence calendar is full of special services and opportunities for worship.



### Walk the Labyrinth

We invite you to walk the Providence Labyrinth and pray during Holy Week.

Check out page 3 for more information.

### Palm Sunday Fauré Requiem

Sunday, March 25  
11:00am

Join us as our Sanctuary Choir and Chamber Orchestra present this beautiful work on Palm Sunday.



### Lenten Bible Study

Wednesday, March 28 6:00pm  
Sanctuary

What did Jesus do between Palm Sunday and Maundy Thursday? Join Lee Canipe as we travel with Jesus through the first three days of Holy Week as recorded in the Gospels.



### Maundy Thursday Worship

Thursday, March 29  
7:00pm  
Sanctuary

We join with Jesus and His disciples as they share their last evening together as recorded in John's gospel.



### Good Friday Worship

Friday,  
March 30  
12:00pm

Front Lawn Randolph Road  
You are invited to reflect at the foot of the cross as we remember together Jesus' last hours.

### Celebrate the King's Resurrection!

**Easter Worship**  
Sunday, April 1



Gazebo  
Sunrise at 6:30am

Sanctuary  
8:30am

Sanctuary  
11:00am

## Senior Adult Committee

Providence is blessed to have a very active Senior Adult group, partly due to our amazing committee dedicated to the group's betterment. We are grateful for those who served and those who are serving.

The Senior Adult Committee would like to thank those who served us so well the past three years:

*Thank You!*

Pike Jones  
Vivian Philson  
Louise Warren

In January, the Senior Adult Committee welcomed the Class of 2020:

Donna Eason  
David Pyatt  
Martha Swain



## PrimeTimers

Thursday, March 15

12:00pm

\$7.00 per person

With Special Guest  
Dane Jackson

Get to know Dane...  
You'll have fun listening to  
stories and hearing him  
sing and play guitar.  
Come join the fun!



RSVP Deadline:  
Sunday, March 11.

Call 704.366.4030x211 to make your reservation or sign up on the bulletin board in Randolph Hall or the hallway leading to the Crouch Fellowship Hall.

## Grounds Work Day



Saturday, March 3

9:00am - 4:00pm

Providence Campus

Come for any amount of time you can help! Bring gloves, yard tools, wheelbarrows, etc.

Lunch will be provided.

Youth can earn community hours!

Contact:

Leslie Jones at  
lcjones731@gmail.com

or Eric Gill at  
ergill4@aol.com

## Young Pros

Hey, Young Pros!

JOIN US!

Monday, March 12

6:45pm

at Leroy

Fox



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

Speakers may vary.  
Friends are always welcome!

## Prayer Vigil

Saturday, March 31

8:00am - 12:00pm

Gordon Weekley Chapel

Would you like a quiet respite where you can pray and meditate?

We've got the answer.

The Gordon Weekley Chapel will be open for you.

Simply come, sit, pray, ponder.

This is your time.



## Clearly, “Thank You.”

Most of us have done it. Most of us have taken our turn serving with Room in the Inn (RITI) on a few Saturday nights during the winter months. After all, the season runs from December through March. That’s 18 opportunities to help. That’s 18 Saturdays that we shared responsibilities with other Providence Sunday School classes or mission groups to care for our Charlotte neighbors in need.

But for those 18 weeks, two people have been a constant. Two people have been there, week in and week out, making sure the rest of us know what to do and how best to help.

Charlie Jones and Mark Noonan have spent the last 18 Saturday nights (and Sunday mornings) serving our Charlotte neighbors in need. They arrived early to open the Nalley Missions Center. They directed the volunteers where to find “this” or “that.” They made sure the volunteers have enough food. On many occasions, Charlie and Mark spent the night when volunteers are unable to be there. Then, on Sunday mornings, Charlie and Mark picked up breakfast for our neighbors from our volunteer breakfast crews, then ensured the Nalley Missions Center is in proper order to accommodate the next group using the special space.

It’s one thing to serve your turn. It’s something else altogether to volunteer every single weekend for 3 months. And these two men have coordinated this great effort for a combined 17 years.

Clearly, Charlie and Mark know this is an important ministry.

Clearly, they take it seriously and have servants’ hearts.

Clearly, Providence thanks you for your commitment.

## Mission Trips

College Students

Mission Trip

May 16 - 20

Sign up Deadline April 1st

*DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE!*

Join us in New York City at Metro Baptist.

Open to all college students.

\$200pp (plus your airfare)

\$100 Deposit due on April 1st

Contact Randy Ballard.

rballard@providencebc.org

## Providence Adults on Mission

March 10-16



Keep our Quebec mission team (led by pastor Lee Canipe) in your prayers as they serve fellow Christians in Canada.

## Hands-On Help

Act Justly  
Love Mercy  
Walk Humbly  
Micah 6:8

We all know that Charlotte is a growing city. It is estimated that 44 new people move into Charlotte each day. Since we are all spending more time in traffic, it feels like each of them comes with a car as well! The “news” that rental rates are increasing isn’t news, either. The Missions Committee was recently presented with a concrete way to do something about this problem.

Helms and Greg Jarrell - the founders West Charlotte Christian ministry QC Family Tree, are working to provide more affordable housing options in the Enderly Park neighborhood.

The Jarrells are residents of Enderly Park and work and live among the people they serve. A house next door to Helms and Greg is on the market and the owner has agreed to sell it to QC Family Tree for \$125,000.

Helms and Greg will coordinate repairs (which may be an opportunity for Providence) but they needed to come up with an additional \$30,000 - and quickly - to add to the funding they had already acquired.

The Missions Committee voted to fund \$12,500 to get the ball rolling.

Soon Helms and Greg will have new neighbors, a family of four, busy with work and school.

They will help make the neighborhood more stable and in a small way make sure that families who work in Charlotte can live in Charlotte. The Missions Committee will keep you informed about additional ways to be more hands-on in this type of ministry.



## Sunday Worship



Services at  
8:30am and  
11:00am

### March 4

Communion  
Exodus 20:1-17

### March 11

Number 21:4-9

### March 18

Children's Sunday  
John 12:20-33

### March 25 - Palm Sunday

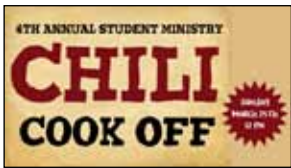
8:30am Mark 11:1-11  
11:00am Fauré Requiem

### April 1 - Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service at 6:30am  
Communion  
Mark 16:1-8

Enjoy a hot Sunday breakfast! \$5 per person.  
Each Sunday from 7:30am - 9:30am.

## Chili Cook-Off



Sunday, March 25

The entire Providence family  
is invited to participate!

Volunteers and  
Chili Masters are needed! Sign up on the website at  
[www.providencebc.org/students](http://www.providencebc.org/students).

Make plans to sample, select and savor this year's  
submissions for BEST CHILI!

## Crop Walk Hero



*(l-r) Cayce Martin, winner of the New Participant Award, and Dave Miller, CROP Walk Executive Team*

At the recent Charlotte CROP WALK Recognition Dinner, Providence member Cayce Martin was singled out and awarded the 2017 "New Participant Award." She was recognized for outstanding enthusiasm by a new walk participant or volunteer. The award is presented to someone who helped make the 2017 Charlotte CROP Walk successful.

Cayce was instrumental in helping Providence raise \$12,300 in 2017 and we exceeded our goal of \$12,000. We are so proud!

## Prayer Team

Providence is a church built on prayer. Because of that important foundation, we have a prayer team ready to pray for you and your needs. This dedicated group of warriors will stand in the gap for anyone who asks. All information is kept strictly confidential and each need is treated with great respect and importance.

Add these voices to yours. Let us pray for you!

Find a prayer box, write your request down and drop it in the box. The boxes are found all over the Providence Campus: on Randolph Hall, at the entrance to the Activity Center, outside the Libby Gray Media Center, in the hallway leading to the Crouch Fellowship Hall, in the hallway near the Providence courtyard, at the entrance to the Nita Moss Children's Building and in the Student area.

LET'S  
PRAY

## Wednesday Night Meals



Don't miss the best food in town! (And you didn't even have to cook it!) Enjoy this family-friendly buffet every Wednesday from 4:45pm - 6:00pm in the Crouch Fellowship Hall.

### March 7

Beef and Chicken Enchiladas  
Red Beans  
Rice  
Tres Leches Cake

### March 14

Shepherd's Pie  
Steamed Cabbage  
Rolls  
Key Lime Cake

### March 21

"Pizza Extravaganza"  
Variety of Meat, Cheese and Veggie Pizzas  
Pasta Salad  
Cannoli

### March 28

Chicken with Dressing  
Lima Beans  
Squash Casserole  
Muffins  
Chocolate Cake  
(with Butter Cream Frosting)

## Wednesday Night Studies

We start our evening at 4:45pm with our family fellowship meal. At 5:45pm, our children are released to their special schedule of music and missions activities.

Adult and student programming is varied each week and begins at 6:00pm. (Check out page 6 for an update on Student offerings.) Our adults can look forward to these studies throughout the month of March:

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### **March 7 - March 14:**

Our New Testament series on the books of Luke and Acts is led by Dr. Jim McConnell, a professor of New Testament Interpretation at the Divinity School at Gardner-Webb University.

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### **March 21:**

Brenda Gray, Baptist Children's Homes Executive Vice President of Development and Communication, will share about the Home's ministry and work with children and families. Come hear her message of "Embracing God's Children."




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### **March 28**

What did Jesus do between Palm Sunday and Maundy Thursday?

Join Lee Canipe as we travel with Jesus through the first three days of Holy Week as recorded in the Gospels.



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

## New Member



Annika Mermans joined Providence Baptist on February 18 by profession of faith. Annika is the daughter of Bryan and Robin, and the sister of Austin and Spencer.

## Spring Forward

Sunday, March 11

Daylight Saving  
Time begins.

**Set your clock ahead**  
one hour before bed  
Saturday night!

**SPRING  
FORWARD**  
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME



## Want to Know?



So What Roles do  
**DEACONS**  
Have at  
Providence Baptist  
Church?

**Answers to that and more  
coming March 15!**

## Welcome Our Very Newest

Oriana Rose Espinola was born on February 19 and is the daughter of Jon and Lauren Newton Espinola. Oriana is the little sister of Roman.

## In Appreciation

*Dear Providence members,*

*Thank you Providence family for your prayers and sympathy during my mother's recent passing. It has been comforting to know that despite losing a dear member of my family I remain part of the PBC family that loves each other and our Savior, Jesus Christ. - Gil Laster*

Be on the lookout for a note in the April issue of Connections from David Jordan expressing his love and gratitude for the Providence family!

## In Sympathy

- The family of Kenneth Vernon Laurion in his death on January 10th.
- Judy Brown in the death of her sister, Sandra B. Owens on January 23.
- Ron Weathers and family in the death of his brother Benjamin Gaston Weathers on February 12.
- Vivian Carroll in the death of her aunt, Lois Deborah Turner Harris on February 18.
- Tommy Nussman and family in the death of his father, Robert Thomas Nussman on February 19.
- Kristie Hill and family in the death of her grandmother, Ruth Emerson Patterson on February 20.
- Gertrude Royal and family in the death of her husband Ammie Lee Royal on February 20.

## Q1 Recap

Moderator Tom Philson called the meeting to order with prayer. He noted that Church Clerk Sharon Dotson was taking the minutes and had confirmed that a quorum was present. Rocky Cannon was the acting Parliamentarian. Due to the guest speaker at 6:00pm, Philson had instructed committees to submit written reports and only provide verbal reports if needed or if an action item was needed. All items on the Q1 packet were approved as submitted. Finance Chair Dan Perrone provided a 2017 year-end report announcing a budget surplus of \$40,000. The Coordinating Council recommended that Steve Goad serve on Nominating Committee for the term ending 1/31/19 (vacated by Harold Eddins). Motion passed. The Council also recommended that Dalinda Fairley, Alvin Schmidt, and Lauren Stroupe serve for the term ending 1/31/2021. Motion passed. The Nominating Committee recommended changes to the Committee Manual that stipulates that church staff or their spouses are precluded from serving as voting members on the Nominating Committee, Personnel Committee and Finance Committee. Motion passed. Other changes in the Committee Manual were noted (but did not require a vote); Grounds Committee meeting time changed, Property Committee added a Grounds Committee Liaison, and any previous reference to Buildings & Grounds Committee was replaced with Property Committee. A copy of the minutes are available in the church office. Please note that the Q2 Conference is now scheduled for Wednesday, May 16th at 5:45pm.



*Richard Landers*

## Endowment

Did you know, in addition to the General Endowment we have 13 other named endowment funds? Listed below is a brief description of each. Stay tuned for feature articles on each Endowment.

### Endowment Name

Barnabas Endowment  
 Choir Tours Endowment  
 Clark Scholarship Endowment  
 Elle-J Scholarship Endowment  
 General Endowment  
 Hall Endowment  
 Hensley Endowment  
 Maintenance Endowment  
 Massey Endowment  
 McCoy Endowment  
 Senior Staff Edu. Endowment  
 Nebel-Moore Music Endowment  
 Stith Missions Endowment  
 Welling Endowment

### Providence Endowment Purposes

Staff Enrichment Events/Programs  
 Music Ministries for Youth Tours  
 Graduating Senior Grant  
 Graduating Senior Grant  
 Missions, Senior Adults, Needy, Churches in Transition, Capital Needs  
 Benevolence Assistance  
 Youth Mission Trips  
 Property Maintenance  
 Benevolence Assistance  
 Preschool Ministry Support  
 Senior Staff post graduate degree or sabbatical  
 Music Ministries  
 Mission Supplies/Events/Trips  
 Children Ministry support for baby through elementary ages

## Columbarium and Memorial Gardens

Our Columbarium and Memorial Gardens are located between the Sanctuary and Randolph Hall. This space is sacred, beautifully maintained, faithfully well-kept and under perpetual care. It serves as a private refuge of dignity and permanence, and offers a setting for quiet and thoughtful meditation.

Members or former members of Providence, their immediate families, ordained ministers who are serving or have served Providence and their spouses may

purchase a niche and be interred in the Columbarium. There are 216 niches. Each niche is designed for two standard burial urns. Each niche, which includes a granite marker and engraving, is \$1,800. If a niche is not needed a memorial plaque is available for \$500.

To purchase a niche or a memorial plaque or receive more information, stop by or contact me at [rlanders@providencebc.org](mailto:rlanders@providencebc.org).



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## PrimeTimers

Thursday, March 15 at 12:00pm  
Crouch Fellowship Hall



## Children's Sunday

Sunday, March 18  
See Page 4 for Details



## Easter Rock Hunt

Saturday, March 31 at 10:00am  
Activity Center



## Holy Week

Maundy Thursday, March 29 at 7:00pm  
Good Friday, March 30 at 12:00pm  
Easter Worship, April 1 at 6:30am, 8:30am and 11:00am

## Next Connections is April 1, 2018.

Deadline for submitting articles,  
photos, or announcements is  
**Noon, Thursday, March 15th.**  
Articles should be 350 words or less.  
Email your submissions to:  
[ssneed@providencebc.org](mailto:ssneed@providencebc.org).

*Thank you!*



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