



July 1, 2018

PROVIDENCE

BAPTIST CHURCH

Start Here



Squaring Romans 13



Lee Canipe

Baptists have a reputation for not getting along with one another. In his book, *The Challenge of Being Baptist*, historian Bill Leonard puts it like this:

“From the beginning of the movement,” he writes, “Baptists have been plagued by schisms, divisions, and intra-and interchurch feuds.” Our democratic way of church governance makes these sorts of disagreements—over

matters both significant and trivial—almost inevitable.

That’s why it was noteworthy when, late last month, the Southern Baptist Convention, the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, and the Alliance of Baptists—which, respectively, occupy conservative, moderate, and progressive positions on the theological spectrum—all issued, within a few days of one another, formal statements opposing the United States government’s position of separating immigrant children from their parents at the Mexican border. The Southern Baptists, for example, called for immigration reform that “maintains a priority of family unity,” a sentiment echoed by the other two groups.

I agree wholeheartedly with the shared conviction of this diverse—and unlikely—coalition of Baptists. Separating children from their parents in this way is wrong and contrary to the biblical imperative to care for the weak and vulnerable among us. I am glad that the government reversed course on this policy. It was the right thing to do.

That said, I was struck by the fact that, for a brief moment during the public conversation surrounding the policy and its enforcement, the spotlight shone on chapter thirteen of the apostle Paul’s letter to the Romans. It’s rare for the Southern Baptists, the Cooperative Baptists, and the Alliance of Baptists to agree. It’s even more rare for a handful of New Testament verses to figure so prominently in a public policy debate. When I heard Romans 13 invoked, my ears perked up.

Now it’s July—and my ears are still perked. “Let every person be subject to the governing authorities,” writes Paul, “for there is no authority except from God,

and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore, whoever resists authority resists what God has appointed” (Romans 13:1-2). These were the verses cited by the attorney general to support the government’s position—and call into question the resistance of those opposed to that position. This was not the first time Romans 13 has been so used, and it undoubtedly will not be the last. Usually when these verses show up in these circumstances, the argument goes something like this: The law is the law and Christians ought not only to obey it, but be submissive toward those who enforce it.

Fair enough. What is a Christian to do, though, when the governing authorities act in a way that’s contrary to what either Scripture or conscience tells us is right in the eyes of God?

It’s a question that cuts to the very heart of what it means to be a Baptist. This is where we started, as dissenters in 17th century England. When forced to choose between obeying God and obeying laws they considered unjust, our spiritual ancestors repeatedly chose the latter.

For these Baptists, Romans 13 presented a moral and theological quandary. It still does. As Christians who take the Bible seriously and are committed to honoring its authority over our lives, how should we understand Romans 13 when our reading of Scripture, or the demands of conscience, puts us at odds with the governing authorities?

Jesus tells us in Matthew 22:21 to “give Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and give to God what belongs to God.” The entire book of Revelation is more or less a long letter of encouragement to Christians who are being persecuted by an unjust government. The message: Be true to Jesus and don’t cave in to Caesar’s demands.

There are other, similar voices heard throughout the Bible, but perhaps the clearest, most concise answer comes from Acts 5:23. The ruling Jewish council in Jerusalem had banned Peter and his fellow apostles from proclaiming the risen Christ in public, yet they continued to preach. Hauled once again before the council to account for their defiance, Peter and the

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apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authorities.”

That’s bold. It’s scary as well. It’s also—and, maybe, most importantly—a position that requires us to be familiar with what God’s expectations of us are as revealed in Scripture. In other words, when we feel compelled to take a position that is at odds with the governing authorities, we need to ask ourselves: Is our position consistent with what God wants for His children, not just in one or two isolated verses, but as revealed throughout the whole of Scripture? If we’re going to resist human authorities in the name of God, then we need to be well-grounded in God’s truth and what it demands from us in terms of holy, righteous, and just living.

American history is replete with examples of Christians—such as the abolitionists in the 19th century, or those who pushed for civil rights in the 20th century—who’ve felt compelled to take this difficult path.

The same can be said of Baptist history. We’ve always made room for dissent and respected the dictates of individual conscience. Our theological convictions about religious liberty have sometimes rubbed uneasily up against our civil obligations to the governing authorities. When Caesar gets it right, it’s easy to square Romans 13 with our commitment to obeying God.

On those happy occasions, we ought to be grateful. In a fallen world, however, Caesar sometimes gets it wrong—and when that happens, writes theologian N. T. Wright, Christians have a moral duty to hold Caesar’s feet to the fire, urging him to do what is just in the eyes of God for the good of all God’s children. At our best, Baptists of every theological persuasion—conservative, moderate, and progressive—do exactly that, not because it’s easy or popular but, rather, because it’s right.

May the peace of Christ be with you!

Deacon on Call

Deacon on call (Weekdays): 704.366.4030x147

- July 1 - 6: Linda Mullis
- July 8 - 13: Jason Mercer
- July 15 - 20: Seth McKinney
- July 22 - 27: Marlyn Morton
- July 29 - August 3: Jane McCoy



Minister on Call

Minister on call (Weekends): 704.366.4030x147

- June 29 - July 2: Lee Canipe
- July 6 - 9: Randy Ballard
- July 13 - 16: Julia Wright
- July 20 - 23: Timothy Hill
- July 27 - 30: Richard Landers

June 24, 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, 6/24 \$1,043,344

Expenses Paid

Through Sunday, 6/24 \$1,095,492

Net Revenue to Expenses

Through Sunday, 6/24 \$ -52,148

Providence Campers Go to PASSPORTkids!



Julia Wright

On July 11, we will load our vehicles with 20 campers and 5 chaperones and head to Converse College in Spartanburg, SC for our annual PASSPORTkids camp. PASSPORTkids is a 4-day, 3-night camp for children who have completed 3rd – 6th grade. It is filled with fun, faith-building programming and hands-on missions education. At camp, our children will practice being followers of Jesus and discover God's love through an active schedule of Bible studies, missions education, recreation, and worship.

This year, our camp theme is "Enough" based on 2 Corinthians 12:9a: "Jesus said to me, 'My grace is enough for you, because power is made perfect in weakness.'" Pray for our group as we participate with campers from across the Southeast in this life-changing camp.

Julia A. Wright

Summer Day Camps are Rolling Along!

This summer Providence is offering seven weeks of day camp. Our campers will enjoy happy experiences in a Christian setting as they learn and play together. Our camps are half day with each camp beginning at 9:00am and ending at 1:00pm.

(We also offer extended care from 7:30am – 5:30pm if families need extra care.) Children can choose between basketball, fitness, soccer, choir, cooking, and music camp. For the child who can't decide, we even offer "Camp Everything!"

We still have space available in each camp. If you are interested, call the Children's Ministry Office today. Kristen Hendrix will be happy to help you!



All Winners!

We had lots of winners during Vacation Bible School! If you were unable to be on campus during VBS, you missed it! Our family of faith opened its arms to the community and welcomed hundreds of neighborhood children to this yearly event. Providence hospitality was evident in the smiles and hugs that were offered.

We showed the love of Jesus by playing games, listening to Bible stories, making crafts, eating snacks and singing fun songs together. If you didn't get here this year, make a point to come out in 2019. VBS really is the best week of the year.



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

Our Littlest Athletes

We ALL got in the game during this year's Vacation Bible School! For one whole week, children of all ages learned about Jesus and his love. Our preschoolers even got in on the action, thanks to our Weekday Education Ministry staff and our VBS volunteers. The preschoolers had story time, made fun crafts, and even had their very own special music time. During our closing ceremony, music leader Debbi Grosch brought our youngest to the platform so they could sing "Jesus Loves Me," complete with motions! Thank you to all who made this such a special week in the lives of our church AND our children.



Changing of the Guard

On June 12, Jen Rabon announced her resignation as the Weekday Education Ministry Director in a letter to our current ministry families. (The letter is printed below.) Jen will remain on staff throughout the summer as we transition and prepare for our new preschool year.

Jen has been instrumental in building not only a remarkable preschool program, but also in building this family of faith as an extension of Providence Baptist Church. Her faith and love of children is evident and has given our ministry a remarkable atmosphere of hospitality and family.

We have been blessed by Jen's leadership, personality, warmth, professionalism and compassion. We are sad to see her go, but we know she has prepared the Weekday Education Ministry for the future.

Our search for the next director is already underway. We have a capable and passionate committee handling the process. We will keep you updated as information becomes available.



Dear Providence Families,

I am writing to let you know that I will be resigning as Weekday Director at the end of this summer. As it is often said in these types of letters, it is certainly with mixed emotions and was not an easy decision to make. I have greatly enjoyed my time with you and your children but have struggled, like many of us do, to balance the demands of work and family.

Rev. Julia Wright, our Children's Minister, will be helping to guide our ministry during the interim and will continue on as the new Weekday Director's supervisor. Julia has her Master's Degree in Religious education and has been with Providence for 15 years.

Though I may not be in the office to greet you in the morning or catch up over a Starburst, Mint or Hershey Kiss at the end of the day (to the great relief of several of you!), I look forward to keeping in touch as I pick-up and drop-off my little ones here at Providence.

Jennifer Rabon

Let's READ Together



Dane Jackson

Did you know many kids lack access to books in the summer? This causes a “summer slide” in reading test scores.

Help be part of the solution this summer by volunteering to be a reading buddy for elementary-aged children at Refugee Support Services (RSS).

A Providence team will go every Wednesday (except July 4) this summer from 10:00am to 12:00pm to lead reading activities and games for the kids at RSS.

Parents can come and volunteer with their youth or students can sign-up to ride the church bus to RSS. We will leave at 9:30am and return at 12:30pm. There is a weekly sign-up but no commitment to attend all the weeks. Come be a part of something special.



Carowinds Day

July 18th
Carowinds Trip.
Let's go play in the sun together!
Ticket are \$20.
Sign up on the website.



Chaperones needed! (FREE TICKET)

Sunday Morning Series - Sermon on the Mount

In this series, students can encounter Jesus through his own words. The Sermon on the Mount in Matthew contains themes central to the gospel and urges students to examine their relationships with God as they seek an authentic life of faith. Each week's message will enable students to see their religious lives as much more than just simply following a list of “do's” and “don'ts.”



High School Mission Trip

July 22-28th
Please pray for our High School Mission Team as we serve others in Knoxville, Tennessee! There is still time to register.



See the Summer Calendar!

Don't miss a single event or gathering this summer! Visit the student web page to download your calendar now!!



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

Congratulations, High School Graduates

Our high school seniors graduated in June and the Student Ministry celebrated with them by hosting a special family luncheon following our Baccalaureate worship service. It was a time of looking back and looking forward, as they prepare to begin this next exciting chapter in their lives. We are so very proud of them! Keep them in your prayers as they go. And if you see them, remind them that Providence will always be a “home” for them!



Bottom (l-r): Lacie Thomas, Emily Erwin, Laura Perrone, Grace Robinson

Middle (l-r): Tyler Erwin, Rev. Dane Jackson, Eli Squier

Top (l-r): Kathryn Banks, Phillips Glass, Bella Hardin

Kathryn Faye Banks

Myers Park High School

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Emily Wright Erwin

Providence High School

University of Alabama

Tyler Bryce Erwin

Providence High School

University of North Carolina at Charlotte

James Phillips Glass

South Mecklenburg High School

North Carolina State University

Isabella Grace Hardin

East Mecklenburg High School

North Carolina State University

John Harrison Osment

Myers Park High School

United States Navel Academy

Laura Marie Perrone

Providence High School

Appalachian State University

Clifton Lee Ricciardi

Myers Park High School

University of South Carolina

Amelia Grace Robinson

Providence High School

Auburn University

Elijah Whitman Squier

Providence High School

North Carolina State University

Lacie Leith Thomas

Weddington High School

North Carolina State University

“Come Sing” Summer Choir



Timothy Hill

The Sanctuary Choir is extending an open invitation to “Come Sing!” Each Sunday, we will be singing familiar songs that only require a 30-minute warm-up. Join us at 10:00am in the Lowell Dotson Music suite, grab some music and a robe, and you’ll be all set! Adults and students are welcome, as are guests and friends ... so “Come Sing” with us, and make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

Student Choir to NYC

From June 13-17, our student choir, ringers, music staff and chaperones traveled to New York City to sing, ring, serve and see. We began serving our first morning, as we joined with our partners at Metro Baptist Church (MBC) and Rauschenbusch Metro Ministries (RMM). We filled snack bags for the homeless – nearly 1000 in total – to assist MBC and RMM in caring for those in their community.

On Sunday, our Choir and Ringers (under the direction of Debra Wallace) led the music at Metro Baptist Church. While all of the music was outstanding, the experience transcended mere performance, providing glimpses of heavenly worship! One song in particular, “Praise the Lord” (a traditional Cameroon melody) touched the very soul of one worshiper. Following the service, he remarked:

“As I entered the Sanctuary, hearing this song, it began to do something inside of me. My voice joined in the familiar song as if I were indeed a part of something greater. When I found my seat, I opened the program to see the title and heritage of the song from Cameroon – my home country! God has used you today to give a precious gift ... and it is the best Father’s Day blessing I have received. I was able to sing a worship song from my home country with my daughters ... God Bless You All!”

Students had the opportunity to visit many wonderful sights in the city, but most commented that being together, helping, and singing in worship were the highlights of the trip. We were blessed to be able to go and serve as a group, and we know we will continue to remember this experience fondly for years to come.



Our NY group prepped nearly 1,000 snack bags for the homeless, and clearly had fun doing it.



SPECIAL THANKS

Special thanks to Caitie Jackson, Debra Wallace, Diann Clark, Dane Jackson, Gaelyn Wanek, and Kristie Hill for their leadership and time. This trip would not have been possible without their dedication and care.

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

Providence Will ...

Bless Charlotte!

Our “Providence Will ...” strategic plan calls for the deacon chair—in consultation with the church moderator, missions committee chair, and senior pastor—to form a task force to study the needs of our city, consider the resources and strengths of our congregation, and recommend a way for Providence, in the name of Jesus, to make a positive difference in Charlotte.



Bless Charlotte

The Bless Charlotte task force began its work on June 26 and will spend the next several months listening and learning about the needs of our city—and discerning how the Holy Spirit is leading us to respond. Please be praying for the members of our Bless Charlotte task force:

- Staley Green and Natalie Lodato (representing the Missions Committee)
- Bill Brown (representing the Coordinating Council)
- Sarah Blackwell (representing the Deacon Strategic Plan Monitoring Group)
- Dane Jackson (representing the Ministerial Staff)

It's a TWO-FER!

Didn't school just end??? Yes, yes, it did!

But we are already looking forward and preparing for the needs of our friends at QC Family Tree, Rama Road Elementary School and our own Burmese community. For years, our WMU has supported Rama Road and our Burmese friends. And our Missions Committee has been focusing on QC Family Tree. We want to get these students' school year started off right, so will be collecting school supplies and backpacks. And we need your help!

Remember, these are TWO DIFFERENT COLLECTIONS. Here are the specifics:

QC Family Tree

Deadline: August 8th

Needed:

120 “filled” backpacks are needed for elementary, middle, and high school students. Buy your backpacks, then stop by the school supply aisle and grab some notebooks, pencils, pens, etc. to fill them up! Drop off your backpacks in the student area by August 8th. We will distribute the filled backpacks during a “Back to School” dinner with QC Family Tree on Friday, August 17th.



It will be a time of celebration, encouragement and support.

Rama Road and Burmese Community

Deadline: July 31st

Needed:

- Pencils
- Notebook paper
- Glue sticks
- Crayons
- Markers
- Colored pencils
- Rulers
- Scissors
- Pencil sharpeners
- New or gently used children's books



Drop off in the hallway leading to the Crouch Fellowship Hall. We'll get the supplies to where they are needed most!

Act Justly
Love Mercy
Walk Humbly
Proverbs 8:13

PrimeTimers Day Trip

Thursday, July 19

Flat Rock,
North Carolina



We've got a great group of PrimeTimers going to Flat Rock this month.

Pray for us as we travel to the mountains for a day of fun. Our Senior Adult Committee has a fabulous day planned and we are looking forward to spending time together.
It's sure to be a blast.

Consider joining us on our next adventure!

8-16-18 Means BINGO

Thursday, August 16

Mark your calendar for Thursday, August 16th!

Join us in the Nalley Missions Center
from 1:30pm - 3:00pm.

We will have snacks and prizes.
Come and enjoy an afternoon of fun and fellowship while playing Bingo with your favorite friends!



Southern Splendor



October 5th - 7th

3 day/2 night trip
to Atlanta

Seats are still available on our Senior Adult Committee sponsored 3 day/2 night to Atlanta, Georgia!

Join us Friday, October 5th through Sunday, October 7th.

The trip includes a roundtrip motor coach to Atlanta.

We will enjoy:

- a guided tour of the CNN Studios
 - Margaret Mitchell House
 - World of Coca Cola
 - Georgia Aquarium
- Stone Mountain Park's Pumpkin Festival (with Laser Show and Dinner)

We will spend two nights at the Holiday Inn Express Stone Mountain.

Breakfast will be provided daily.
Two dinners are also included!

We will worship together on Sunday morning at First Baptist Decatur to hear Dr. David Jordan preach.

We will return to Charlotte late Sunday afternoon.

We have 31 booked for this exciting trip and still have room for more participants!

Rates:

Single room rate \$669.00 per person
Double room rate is \$559.00 per person
Triple room rate is \$519.00 per person
Quad room rate is \$499.00 per person

To book, call Christian Tours at 1.800.476.3900.
Be sure to ask for Tour ID-16526-1.

Breakfast Fellowship

Sunday Breakfast Fellowship
Through September 30



We've loved enjoying our breakfast fellowship each Sunday morning. Thank you to those who have provided the delicious goodies as we visit with our church family.

We will continue this special time throughout the summer and into the fall. And there are still some dates that need to be filled. If you, your Sunday School class, or Bible Study group would like to help, simply sign up on the bulletin board leading to the Crouch Fellowship Hall.

We will be in touch to help you plan your day.

Dates still available include:

7/29, 8/19, 8/26, 9/16, 9/23, 9/30

Prayer Vigil

Saturday, July 28
8:00am - 12:00pm

Gordon Weekley Chapel

Would you like to slow down for a minute?
Would you like to spend some time with God?

The Gordon Weekley Chapel
will be open for you.
Our doors will be open. Come sit for awhile.



New Minister Search Update



Greetings Providence!

Thank you to all of you that took the survey for the New Minister position. At the writing of this letter we had received 170 surveys, and there was still an entire week of the survey to go. These are excellent results! Your feedback has been thoughtful and thorough.

We are currently busy reading your answers and comments as they will be incorporated into the job profile for this new position. Please pray for us as we continue forward in this endeavor.

Please pray also for the person that we will, at some point, find. With your feedback, prayers, and trust, you are helping us to shape the future of Providence, and we are grateful to serve you.

With thanks,
The New Minister Search Committee

"Commit your ways to the Lord; Trust in Him also and He will do it." Psalms 37:5

Burt Banks
Jonathan Bensch
Larry Elmore (Personnel Liaison)

Wilna Eury
Suzanne Lail (Scribe)
Cayce Martin

Stacy Mercer (Chair)
Rita Stanley (Vice-Chair)
Charles Stroupe

SAVE THE DATES

Charlotte CROP Walk

Save the Date:

CROP WALK 2018
Saturday, October 13

Mark your calendar! Providence will participate in the Charlotte Crop Walk again this fall and we are sure to have a very strong team! Keep a lookout for more information in the coming weeks!

The Missions Committee has taken the lead with a \$1,000 gift.



Top Fundraiser

Congratulations, Providence!

Our church was a TOP FUNDRAISER for the 2017 CROP Walk.

Thank you to all who raised money, raised awareness, walked or supported a walker! You made a difference in your community!



Children's Soccer



Soccer Registration
August 1-15

Be on the lookout for children's soccer sign ups.

The season runs from early September through early November.

We need coaches and players.

Help us Engage Cotswold by grabbing your friends! Let's get active, Providence!

College Gathering

Are you a college student home for the summer?

Reconnect with your Providence family!

Be on the lookout for date and time! Randy Ballard is making plans for you!

Women's Mission Trip

It Will Soon Be Time to Fly!

October 17 - 21
Metro Baptist Church

The ladies of Providence are invited to serve our friends in New York City.

Details are being finalized.

Contact Randy Ballard.
rballard@providencebc.org



The Providence Exchange

We collect stuff, don't we? I don't mean stuff like souvenir spoons, or ornaments or coffee mugs from various and sundry places. I mean as we live life, we find ourselves with more and more stuff, and fewer and fewer places to store it! Wouldn't it be great if we could find a good home for all that STUFF?! Well, we CAN!

Ever heard of the Providence Exchange? It's the "place" where people can buy, sell, trade or give away things that we've "outgrown."

Someone "out there" could use your "gently loved" children's toys that your teenagers don't play with anymore. Those toys brought great joy once, but now they just sit in a dresser or closet and collect dust. Someone else may need these toys for their children - and who doesn't like a DEAL?!

Perhaps you are in the market for some gardening tools. Maybe someone has an abundance of trowels and shovels and shears and is trying to downsize their shed because they are moving to a home with less yard space for gardening.



There's a bulletin board for what you need, for what you want to sell, AND for what you just want to give away! All you need to do is look above the water fountain in the hallway leading to the Crouch Fellowship Hall. There's a bulletin board just waiting for you to post your wares – or for you to find exactly what you've been looking for.

Simply, it's a place for our Providence Family to connect and share and give. Check it out and see what's available. And, while you're at it, check out your closets and drawers, too, and see if there are items that YOU could live without.

Submitted by Summer Sneed

Get Social

Do you want to keep up with everything going on at Providence? Connect with us on social media and be in the KNOW! Not sure how? Here's a quick tutorial!



Search for us: "@providencebccharlotte" or "Providence Baptist Church-Charlotte, NC" You'll see our logo. You've found us! Now, click "LIKE!" Success!



Twitter is for quick 140-character updates. **Search for us:** "@pbccommunity" Now, click "FOLLOW" and you're all set. You'll receive tweets from Providence.



Do you like pictures to tell the story? Our Providence students use an instagram account to do just that. **Search for us:** "pbccstudentsclt" Now click "FOLLOW." You did it!!

Young Professionals

We are making plans ...

Calling all Young Professionals:



We are looking at dates in July to gather with our Young Pros.

You won't want to miss our time of debate and fellowship. Be on the lookout for more information.

A dynamic discussion always develops.

(Speakers may vary.)

Contact Randy Ballard.
rballard@providencebc.org

Midsummer Ice Cream Social

Wednesday, July 25

6:30pm - 7:30pm

Crouch Fellowship Hall

Want to beat the summer doldrums?

Join the Providence family for the Second Annual Midsummer Ice Cream Social.

Bring your favorite batch of home made ice cream and see how it stacks up! It's quite the competition!



And it's clear who wins ... the Providence Family!

Watch the smiles abound as folks sample the tasty selections!

We need at least 12 freezers, so get signed up on the bulletin board leading to the Crouch Fellowship hall.

Tell us what kind of ice cream you will be making so we can anticipate the "goodness!"

Then, all that's left to do is to ENJOY!



Sunday Worship

Join us for worship and fellowship each Sunday morning!

8:30am Breakfast Fellowship

9:15am Sunday School

10:30am Worship

July 1

Psalm 130

July 8

Guest Preacher Tracy Jessup
Minister to the University Community
at Gardner-Webb University

July 15

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

July 22

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 29

Guest Preacher Larry Hovis
Executive Coordinator for the
CBF of North Carolina

In Sympathy

- Pauline Bethea and family in the death of her nephew, William Bethea on June 10.
- The family of Kay Nussman in her death on June 26.

In Celebration

Welcome to the Providence family, little ones!

- Henry Alexander Ferguson was born on May 30. He is the son of Ian and Holland Ferguson and the brother of Lucy.
- Greyson Michael Bedard was born on June 12. He is the son of Matthew and Laurie (Stallings) Bedard and the brother of Amelia and Greer. The proud grandparents are Dennis and Pam Stallings.

Providence Endowment Funds

Did you know that our Massey Endowment and Hall Endowment are the chief means on how we provide funding for benevolence assistance and special assistance to those in need? There is an application and due diligence process that the senior staff uses to discern and distribute this assistance. As mentioned in last month's issue, these funds provided a combined \$2,902 this year.



Richard Landers

Hall Endowment

- The Hall Endowment was established by Tom and Theresa Hall in 1997. It is for specific types of family crisis situations.

Massey Endowment

- The Massey Endowment began as a designated fund requested by Mildred Massey's Sunday School class in her memory. It was established in 1981. Following her husband Lloyd's death, his estate provided a bequest to the endowment. This fund helps assist with personal needs.

Contribution Statements



Per the Finance Committee's request, 2018 contribution statements for January through May were mailed to anyone who has contributed to Providence and/or anyone who turned in a commitment card for 2018.

(See page 3 for our current cashflow status.)

A note from Lee and I was included at the top of the statement reminding you that while the summer season is typically a time of vacation, our monthly expenses still exist. So, again, thank you for all that you do! If you are current with your financial support, please consider getting ahead. If you are behind, please catch up.

Church Staff Recognition

Timothy Hill



Tim Hill celebrates his fourth year of service at Providence on July 29. He is our Minister of Music and closely works with Lee Canipe on planning worship services.

Tim is an accomplished musician and plays the piano and guitar. He oversees all aspects of the Music Ministry at Providence.

He was most recently co-director of the Children of Eden, and he also played the role of Noah. We are blessed with his ministry.



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Communion

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Sanctuary*



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Next Connections is August 1, 2018.

Deadline for submitting articles,
photos, or announcements is
Noon, Monday, July 16th.
Articles should be 350 words or less.
Email your submissions to:
ssneed@providencebc.org.

Thank you!



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