



September 1, 2018

PROVIDENCE

BAPTIST CHURCH

Start Here



**"Children are a gift from God;
they are his reward."**

Psalm 127:3

Together, For a Change - Together, For Our City



Lee Canipe

To say that I don't generally preach sermon series is an understatement. I can only think of two sermon series that I've done in more than 14 years of preaching.

That's going to change later this month. On Sunday, September 9, I will—together with the pastors of 72 other churches in Charlotte—begin a four-week series of sermons

exploring different aspects of one, simple, profound question: How could a unified body of Christ transform our city?

This series is an initiative of **ForCharlotte**, a diverse network of local churches that share a common denominator—Jesus Christ—and a common desire to make our city a better, more livable, and just community for all its residents. I'll confess: The conversations that I've been a part of with this group have been both compelling and inspirational. At every gathering I've attended, there have been black pastors, white pastors, English-speaking pastors, Spanish-speaking pastors, pastors from churches that lean left, pastors from churches that lean right, pastors from churches located in wealthy neighborhoods, pastors from churches located in poor neighborhoods—all of them moved by a vision of what might happen in Charlotte if our city's churches, and the Christians in those churches, could finally be known for what we are for, rather than what we are against.

There's never a bad time for this sort of effort, but now is a particularly good time for Christians in Charlotte to consider how our city could indeed be different—socially, economically, spiritually—if we actually took Jesus and his vision of God's kingdom seriously for a change. We are, for example, dead last among America's largest cities in terms of economic mobility, which means that it's harder to climb out of poverty in Charlotte than in any of the other fifty cities we like to compare ourselves with.

The large-scale demonstrations in Uptown two years ago, meanwhile, exposed deep divisions in our city that have existed for years, mostly just below what many of us assumed was a fairly tranquil surface. From civic leaders on down, we're still sorting through the implications of those disorienting days. One local pastor put it this way at a gathering I recently attended: Two Septembers ago, he realized that “the brokenness of our city was going to require the unity of God's church if true healing was ever going to occur here.”

In other words, there's a reason this sermon series is happening in September. For four Sundays this month, over 41,000 diverse Christians in 72 diverse churches in Charlotte will hear very similar messages from the same biblical texts. I will preach my own sermon each Sunday, but I will use the same Scripture and move in the same direction as my colleagues in pulpits across the city. Here is the schedule:

September 9: For the Gospel (Galatians 2:11-21)

September 16: For the Church (John 17:13-23)

September 23: For Our Neighbor (Luke 10:25-37)

September 30: For Our City (Jeremiah 29:1-14)

I love the idea of so many fellow believers in our city focusing their attention on the same basic message, at the same time, for the same purpose—and, it's fun to imagine what God might do with all that spiritual energy. Please use this sermon series, then, as a prompt to pray both for our city, and for the Lord's guidance as Providence seeks to Bless Charlotte in Jesus' name.

What, where, when, and how this will happen remains to be seen. That it needs to happen, though, cannot be doubted. Indeed, knowing we're not alone in sensing this call—knowing that there are many other brothers and sisters in Charlotte who feel the same way—is encouraging. Knowing that Jesus is at the center of this call—well, that's what gives me hope going forward.

May the peace of Christ be with you!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lee Canipe". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

New On Campus: The Oaks

The Oaks, a new school in Charlotte for children in grades K - 3rd, began its inaugural academic year on September 4 here at Providence.

Just as we hosted The Fletcher School in its early years, we are extending hospitality to the students, teachers, and families associated with The Oaks as they make use of our facilities during the week. They will be using the same first floor space in Randolph Hall as did The Fletcher School, though with a much smaller group of students. Many thanks to our Senior Adult Sunday School classes for graciously sharing their meeting space with The Oaks.

Engaging our neighbors and being generous with what God has given us: these are Providence priorities. So is practicing Christian hospitality. Please stop by, be a good host, and introduce yourself to headmaster Dan Sturdevant, whose office is located at the end of Randolph Hall closest to Randolph Road.



Minister Search Update

Greetings from the Minister for Adult Discipleship Search Committee. We would like to extend a hearty, "Thank you!" for helping us reach this next stage of the search process. Following the approval by the congregation of the Minister for Adult Discipleship Profile, the Committee met and determined how to best facilitate the search from this point forward. We will accept resumes beginning September 1st, 2018 and will close the application period on October 31, 2018. The job profile will be available for candidates to review on the church website at www.providencebc.org/connect/employment. All resumes must be submitted to the Search Committee's email address (ministersearch@providencebc.org) in order to be considered for the position. Please pray for discernment by the Committee as we enter this new stage, and pray also for the individuals with whom we will be meeting. Thank you for your continued support! Psalm 37:5



The Minister for Adult Discipleship Search Committee
l-r: Stacy Mercer, Larry Elmore, Burt Banks, Charles Stroupe, Wilna Eury, Rita Stanley, Cayce Martin, Lee Canipe, Suzanne Lail and Jonathan Bensch

Deacon on Call

Deacon on call (Weekdays): 704.366.4030x147

- September 2 - 7: Jamie Pittman
- September 9 - 14: Bill Caldwell
- September 16 - 21: Nancy Coppage
- September 23 -28: Penny Hewett
- September 30 - October 5: Jeff Hinson



Minister on Call

Minister on call (Weekends): 704.366.4030x147

- August 31 - September 3: Timothy Hill
- September 7 - 10: Randy Ballard
- September 14 - 17: Lee Canipe
- September 21 - 24: Richard Landers
- September 28 - October 1: Julia Wright

August 26, 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, 8/26 \$1,377,629

Expenses Paid

Through Sunday, 8/26 \$1,438,097

Net Revenue to Expenses

Through Sunday, 8/26 \$ -60,468

Mothers' Fellowship



Julia Wright

Mothers of all ages are invited to join us this fall for special enrichment opportunities, fellowship and fun.

We are delighted to have mothers and grandmothers from our church and community who are stepping up to lead these sessions.

You might attend one, two or all of the offerings! For the evening gatherings a meal will be served (\$7.50) so reservations are needed. Childcare is also available for both the morning and evening groups by reservation with Kristen Hendrix (khendrix@providencebc.org).

Invite a friend or neighbor and enjoy being with other mothers! These sessions are open to the community!

Julia A. Wright

Thursday Morning Coffee

10:00am - 11:30am
Activities Center Parlor - Room 1315

September 13

“Thoughts on Marriage”
Dr. Lee and Dr. Hilary Canipe

September 27

“Lessons from Grandmothers”
Susan Cannon, Janis Cook,
Rosalynn Miller

October 11

“Practice Makes Faith”
Jill Kimbril

October 25

“Living Well, Grieving Well”
Julia Wright

November 8

“Discipling your Child”
Sandra Montague

November 29

“Keeping Christ in Christmas”
Lauren Stroupe

Thursday Evenings “Lessons for Living”

6:00pm - 7:30pm
Upstairs Parlor - Room 2111

A meal will be served.
\$7.50 per person

September 20

“Lessons on Love and Laughter”
Jessica Aycock

October 18

“Lessons on Music and Praise”
Sarah Blackwell

November 15

“Lessons on Life's Questions”
Rita Stanley



Welcome to Weekday



Ursula Taylor

We are delighted to announce **Ursula Taylor** as our new Weekday Education Ministry Director. Ursula is a Level III Director with 20 years of experience and a strong background in both education and administration. For the past 18 months she has been the Director for Waxhaw Child Development Center where she led them through their Five-Star rating process. Prior to that work, she served nine years as the Director of the Bethlehem Center of Charlotte Head

Start. She has a Bachelor of Arts from Belmont Abbey College and an associate's degree in early childhood education as well as some study in business and management. Ursula believes that by age four, 90% of a child's brain has developed, meaning that much of what a child needs to succeed in life is established before he or she enters kindergarten. She believes every child deserves excellence in early learning programs and services. Ursula lives in Mt. Holly with her husband and three children.

It is our joy to welcome a new assistant director to our Weekday Education Ministry. **Kim Gray** joined our team the first of July as a Level II director. Kim is a native Charlottean and has been in the early childhood field for 19 years. She earned an associate's degree in early childhood education from CPCC in 2013.

She has worked with all age groups and has been in administration for the last 5 years. She has one daughter, Kayla, who is 18 and in her second year of college. In her spare time, Kim enjoys reading, traveling and family time.



Kim Gray

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

Service of Sacred Music

Metropolitan Music Ministries, Inc.
cordially invites you to the:

Thirty-third Annual Celebration of Music in Worship

A Service of Sacred Music

Sunday, September 30 at 6:00pm
Providence Sanctuary

Martha S. Iley and Ginger G. Wyrick, directors
Diann Clark, organist

This concert is free and open to the public.
A reception will follow the service.

Featuring:

Providence Baptist Church Student Choir
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church Choir
The Melody Makers (Senior Adult Community Choir)
Winthrop University Chorale
Choir of Choral Directors



Need info?

Visit the MMM's website at
www.metromusicministries.org
or call the office at 704.529.1616.

Rama Road Request

Our community students are back in school, which means
our tutoring program is back in session!

We Need YOU! Share Your Talents:

*Become a Tutor or Driver

*Provide Snacks

*Become a Substitute Tutor or Driver

Sign-up in the Rotunda on Sunday, September 9!

Contact Dorothy Welling for
more information.

704.366.3568

dorothywelling@att.net



September Sundays

Join us for worship
and fellowship
each Sunday
morning!



SUMMER SCHEDULE

September 2

8:30am Breakfast Fellowship

9:15am Sunday School

10:30am Worship

Mark 7:24-37

REGULAR SCHEDULE

September 9 and BEYOND

8:30am Worship

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Worship

September 9

Galatians 2:11-21

Thinking of joining Providence?

This is a **Great Day!**

September 16

John 17:13-23

September 23

Luke 10:25-37

September 30

Jeremiah 29:1-14

Like to Read?

Nurturing Faith (formerly *Baptists Today*) is a bi-monthly Christian journal. Its mission is to “provide relevant and trusted information, thoughtful analysis and inspiring features, rooted in the historic Baptist tradition of freedom of conscience, for reflective Christians seeking to live out a mature faith in a fast-changing culture.”

A one year subscription is \$24. If you are interested in finding out more, please visit nurturingfaith.net or call 478.301.5655. *Nurturing Faith* is worth the read!

Trusting God in Transition



Dane Jackson

In reading Matthew's Gospel a few days ago, I was struck by how Jesus praises the faith of the centurion: "I tell you the truth, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith" (Matthew 8:10). That affirmation stands in stark contrast to the condemnatory greeting Jesus gives his disciples when they wake him in the middle of a furious storm: "You of little faith, why are you so afraid?" (Matthew 8:26). **Why did Jesus praise the centurion and condemn the disciples?** After all, the disciples respected Jesus' power enough to beg him to save them. And the disciples were experienced fishermen, so this must have been a major storm. So what did the disciples do wrong? **They were afraid. They panicked. Like the centurion, they knew that Jesus could deliver them, but they weren't sure he would. So they were still full of fear.**

Back-to-school season kindles new fears in some parents. After the more relaxing pace of summer, you may worry about the influx of school stress—ranging from trying to get out the door in the morning to navigating hours of evening homework. You worry that your kids won't get the teachers they want, or the ones that you want for them. You might be afraid that your more introverted child will withdraw into books, or be afraid that your more extroverted child won't hit the books enough.

So how do you have the type of faith that Jesus applauds? A gospel-infused response to fear is more than repeatedly telling yourself, "Don't be afraid. Trust Jesus." There has to be a healthy middle ground between denial and despair. **What can we do when we face back-to-school anxieties and fears?**

1. **Pay attention to them.** Don't deny them or dwell on them, but acknowledge the fears you have as your family plunges back into the world of school lunches and rushed carpools.
2. **See if you can figure out what's underneath that fear.** What is behind the fear you have about your child, or your family's schedule? Is it your own feelings of inadequacy, or your own struggles with loneliness?
3. **Talk to others about what you're fearing.** Don't forget that you are not alone in these fears. Other parents have their own fears, and even if they aren't identical to yours, they generally stem from the same roots of shame or inadequacy. Knowing this can bring comfort.
4. **Talk with Jesus about them.** Talking with a friend helps. Talking with Jesus helps more. Fears get smaller when you talk with Jesus about them.
5. **Talk with Jesus with your kids.** When any of your kids share their concerns about their teacher, homework, or friendships, try to talk to Jesus aloud right then and there. Pray that God would guide them to the right friends at lunch. Ask God to put them in the classes where they can best be salt and light.

Kick-Off & Orientation

Sunday, September 9th | 12:00pm

Crouch Fellowship Hall

All Students 6th - 12th

Socialize with other students, parents and volunteers over lunch. Hear about all the upcoming events, trips and opportunities available to your student including key dates and locations, and estimated costs. Families welcome.



Yuck Night

Wednesday, September 5th | 6:00pm



Fusion Begins

Wednesday, September 12th | 6:00pm



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

Children's Music

Few things can compare to children's voices raised in song, even more so when those children are singing scripture. This year, our Children's Choirs will be using the Growing in Grace series with the theme "Fruit of the Spirit." It is based on Galatians 5:22-23. Through songs and activities, children experience what it means to grow and live out an authentic, joyful faith. Children learn to follow the Holy Spirit as they develop godly character and become firmly rooted and grounded in Christ's love through music. If you have a child, ages 3 to 12, we hope you will get them involved in our children's music program.



Timothy Hill

Children's Choirs meet every Wednesday from 5:30pm - 6:15pm.

- Music Experience for 3's: Julia Wright, director; Jennifer Reeves, assistant
- Cherub Choir (4's): Director TBD; Rosalynn Miller, assistant
- Melody Makers (5's) June Hall, director; Danielle Conrad, assistant
- Trinity Singers (1st - 2nd grade): Sandy Barber, director; Kristen Genett, Sylvia Case, Jane McCoy, and Debbi Grosch, assistants
- Young Musicians (3rd - 5th grade): Debra Wallace, director; Diann Clark accompanist, Gaelyn Wanek, assistant

Handbells

What a joy it is to ring for the Lord. Find which choir is right for you. All are welcome!

- Children's Bells (4th-5th grade) Wednesdays 4:30pm - 5:00pm
- Student Ringers: Wednesdays 7:00pm - 7:45pm (starting September 12)
- Adult Ringers ... coming this Fall! Date and Time TBA



Please contact Debra Wallace with questions: debrabwallace2241@gmail.com or 704.614.7998.

Student Choir



We are looking forward to a great year of singing and fellowship.

All middle and high school students are invited!

Sundays at 4:00pm
Lowell Dotson Music Suite

Note: Student Choir will be held at 1:30pm (immediately following the Student Ministry Kick Off and Orientation) on September 9th.

Encore Singers

Do you like to sing?

Are you free Thursday mornings?

Then you can be an Encore Singer!

All are invited to the

Lowell Dotson Music Suite every Thursday from 9:30am to 10:30am.

Come by for a visit, stay for a song, be blessed to be a blessing.



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

PrimeTimers' Update

What a great summer we had! Our Providence seniors played Bingo in June and August, won prizes, ate goodies and had a lot of fun. In July, we took a group of 34 to Flat Rock, NC for lunch and a musical at the Flat Rock Playhouse.

Now, summer is over and it is time for our monthly luncheons to resume! We gather again on Thursday, September 20th for our first event of the season. Doors open at 11:45am and the program and lunch begin at 12:00pm. The Sunday prior to the lunch date is the last day to RSVP. Call 704.366.4030x211 to leave your name, phone number and number attending.

We have kept the cost at \$7.00, but we need your help to keep it there. If you find out you are unable to attend due to illness or an emergency, please call the church office to cancel as soon as possible. We look forward to enjoying another season of PrimeTimers with you!

PrimeTimers' Schedule

Your Senior Adult Committee has a great entertainment line-up for our upcoming PrimeTimers' Luncheons. Mark your calendar and make plans to attend these special gatherings at noon:



September 20th
Lea Evelyn Tatich
accompanied by her mom,
Sue Dorsett

October 18th
Matt Blackwell

accompanied by his mom, Sandra Blackwell

November 15th
Providence Encore Singers
directed by Timothy Hill

December 13th
Pianist Jeff Perks

Thank You, Providence

The Missions Committee wants to thank you for your incredible generosity. We asked that you help us provide 120 packed backpacks for QC Family Tree (QCFT), and boy, did you come through! We collected a little over 130 bags, as well as over \$2,000 in funding!



In addition to providing the backpacks, we hosted the meal for the QCFT backpack dinner.

Lester Bradshaw smoked pork BBQ on the premises and the remainder of our meal was prepared by our

kitchen staff: BBQ chicken legs, green beans, mac and cheese, and brownies for dessert! It was a delicious backdrop for those who came to enjoy each other's company, meet the neighbors, and participate as equals in the QCFT community.

We are grateful for the opportunity to share in the work QCFT is doing in Enderly Park and invite you to pray with us for their children and their upcoming school year.

Act Justly
Love Mercy
Walk Humbly
Micah 6:8

Libby Gray Media Center

As we enter the fall season we look forward to our upcoming Wednesday nights as we gather and fellowship. Before or after dinner is a great time to visit your church library.

The Libby Gray Media Center is located in the Sanctuary Building on the second floor, and is open Monday through Friday during church office hours and on Wednesday evening until 6:00pm. Come browse our wide-ranging selection!

During the summer the Providence library team worked to introduce new books. And we still have more books to review and add to our existing inventory. Please visit often to see what's been added. Newly donated books are placed on the shelves in the bookcase behind the library desk and you will also notice some catchy titles on the window ledge.

We have a few dedicated patrons, and to them we say "thank you for taking the time to stop by!" Now, it's YOUR turn. Come. Sit. Read. Experience our beautiful space and check out a book. The books look pretty on their shelves, but to make this space worthwhile they need to be checked out and enjoyed. Why not do just that? We'd love to have you!



2021 DEACON SLATE

As instructed in the church by-laws, the Special Nominating Committee is responsible for assembling a group of individuals for the church to call as deacons. We are pleased to report that 12 active members of the Providence Baptist Church family have answered the call to serve as deacons for the next three years, and have already been interviewed by our deacon emeritus. They will serve as Deacon Class of 2021, beginning January 1, 2019. The Special Nominating Committee asks the church to affirm this slate of newly called deacons during worship on Sunday, October 7. Members who will be absent on that Sunday may submit a ballot during Church office business hours and Wednesday evening activities, beginning Monday, October 1 until Friday, October 5. Members of Providence may vote either for or against the entire slate as recommended by the Special Nominating Committee. We trust that you will affirm these men and women called to serve as spiritual and servant leaders here at Providence.



Jonathan Bensch



Adam Conrad



Carol DeLaddy



Rob Gaither



Staley Green



Heather Hanson



Neil Hendrix



Natalie Lodato



Mark Powers



Ken Rogers



Judy Taylor



Gaelyn Wanek

Fall Wednesdays

Providence puts a high priority on children and family involvement. So we are always looking for ways to help our families. With this in mind, we have revised our Wednesday schedule to coordinate with other ministries, hopefully making life easier for many.

4:30pm	Children's Bells
4:45pm	Dinner Line Opens
5:30pm	Children's Choirs
6:15pm	Adult Seminars and Children's Missions
7:00pm	Dismissal

Fellowship Dinner Menu

Don't miss the best food in town!



Enjoy this family-friendly buffet every Wednesday from 4:45pm - 6:00pm in the Crouch Fellowship Hall.

September 5

Pulled Pork
Baked Beans
Slaw
Texas Toast
Banana Pudding

September 12

Meatloaf with Mushroom Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Yeast Rolls
Brownies with Ice Cream

September 19

Spaghetti with Meat or Alfredo Sauce
Roasted Vegetables
Garlic Bread
Tiramisu Cake

September 26

Chicken Pot Pie
Steamed Broccoli
Cinnamon Baked Apples
Yeast Rolls
Maple Apple Crisp

Pizza and Salad Bar included.

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

Wednesday Seminars

As we step into fall, we begin our Wednesday night learning opportunities. We are offering three seminars for adults during the month of September, with a four-week session of each.

These classes will run from 6:15pm - 7:00pm (note location in the class description below). Join us every Wednesday in September for one of these unique learning opportunities:

Sunday School on Wednesday Night

Lee Canipe - Nalley Missions Center

Every teacher needs the chance to be a student! Lee Canipe invites all those serving in our Sunday school ministry—as well as whoever else wants to listen in—to join him for a time of Wednesday night Bible study based on the Smyth & Helwys Formations Sunday school lesson for the upcoming Sunday morning.

Planning Your Final Details & Gifts

Richard Landers - Conference Room

Richard Landers will be looking at what every family faces with the death of a loved one, and why it is best to plan today for the future. This seminar is for anyone ages 20 to 90+. Topics will span from writing the obituary, service details (scripture, speakers, music), reception vs. family meal, to burial or interment. He will finish with ways for providing a legacy to your church.

What Are We Doing in Worship?

Timothy Hill - Sanctuary

Explore the four-fold pattern of worship: the Gathering, the Word, the Table (Thanksgiving), the Dismissal (Sending). Timothy Hill will walk you through a study of the historical, theological, and practical applications of the four-fold pattern of worship. Attendees will have the opportunity to discuss worship from both a broad context and that of Providence Baptist Church. Seminars will also include singing and a time for response.

Prayer Vigil

Saturday, September 29

8:00am - 12:00pm

The Gordon Weekley Chapel will be open for you.

Mission Action Work Day

Mission Action Work Day

Tuesday, September 4

10:00am

Nalley Missions Center

We will be preparing 1000 sandwiches for Urban Ministry. Lunch will be provided.

Providence WINS

It was a Providence versus Providence championship game. Guess who won? PROVIDENCE! Congrats to the winners of the 2018 tournament...



l-r: Josh Trent, Luke Novak, Alex Novak, Matt Young, Tyler Erwin, Todd Erwin, Price Pittman, Grant Tatich, Chris Valenti, Brian Hunter Not Pictured: Jarrett Wright, Michael Moon, Michael Cutaia, Joe Brown

Churchwide Mission Collection

Our September monthly mission collection project will be collecting ladies knit gloves for the North Carolina WMU Red Box.

Special Donation

In August, the Providence WMU made a special donation to the Ronald McDonald House on Morehead Street. The WMU donated needed supplies in honor of Providence members Anita Pangle and Janis Cook, who spend countless hours volunteering for this amazing organization.



Cultivating Generosity

Over the summer during worship we had the opportunity to watch several videos featuring our children, youth and senior adults. The messages conveyed through the videos were genuine and heart-warming. When asked how a seed grows, the children described the importance of nurturing the seed with water and sunlight to encourage strong and healthy growth. When asked how to relate that thought to Providence Baptist Church, our youth eloquently spoke of the importance of nurturing the Cotswold community through our offerings. The most recent video was narrated by Mary Ann Crouch who spoke of the kindness and generosity of our 5th Grade GAs as they made Valentine cards to send to a man in prison, and prepared snacks for students in our Rama Road tutoring program.

Over the next several weeks you'll have an opportunity to read testimonials from a variety of members on Trust, Joy, Generosity and Love.

As followers of Jesus Christ, we're held accountable for taking care of those less fortunate—and of each other. We do this through giving sacrificially to Providence Baptist Church. Individually, you might feel that YOUR dollars don't have much of an impact, but collectively, OUR giving makes a huge impact, not only on the Financial Plan for Ministry and Missions of Providence Baptist Church, but also on the lives of those who live and work nearby, and our neighbors who do not yet know the love of Jesus Christ. When one student who was interviewed for our video was asked, "What does Providence Baptist Church mean to you," she responded, "It changed my life." It's time for each of us to give sacrificially and have a role in changing the lives of those who live among us and around us.



The Stewardship Committee

Charlotte CROP Walk

Saturday, October 13

It's time to put on your walking shoes!

We are looking forward to having a strong team take to the streets of Charlotte for the CROP Walk on October 13.

If you can't walk, no problem. You can STILL be a part of helping our community by sponsoring a walker.

Members of the Crop Walk team will be available in the Rotunda on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings throughout September. They can sign you up or take your donation. Look for them!

Contact Cayce Martin at cmgw2015@att.net.

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



Young Professionals

We are making plans ...

Returning in September!



Be on the lookout for dates 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

You Want It? We've Got It.

Are you looking for a workbench?

Do you need a jog stroller for you and your little one?

Or maybe you need a new bedroom suit or dining room chairs.

How about a viola?

The Providence Exchange has new items for sale and for free. We've also got a spot to post what you are looking for. The Providence Exchange is located in the hallway leading to the Crouch Fellowship Hall. Get connected and get what you need.

Youth Basketball

Have your children hit the courts this fall!

The Providence basketball league will run from November through March.

We've got teams for children from ages 6 to 17.

Look for registration to begin October 1.

Contact Randy Ballard.
rballard@providencebc.org



Women's Mission Trip

October 17 - 21

Metro Baptist Church

Spend your time serving our friends in New York City.

Contact Randy Ballard.
rballard@providencebc.org



Welcome New Providence Members



The Miller Family joined Providence Baptist Church on August 12th, transferring their membership from a sister church in the area. This is a homecoming and we welcome them back with open arms! (l-r) Vince, Warren, Allison, Charles, Amy and Sarah Lillie Miller.



Allison Miller joined Providence on August 12th by profession of faith. She is 12 years old and will be baptized in the coming days.



Charles Miller joined Providence on August 12th by profession of faith. He is 11 years old and will be baptized in the coming days.

In Celebration

Welcome to the Providence family, little ones!

- Lillian Louise Troxell was born May 24. She is the daughter of Kevin and Amber Troxell and the little sister of Adeline and Wesley.
- John “Brooks” Fenimore was born July 24. He is the son of Mark and Carly Fenimore and the grandson of David and Jan Johnson. Brooks is also the nephew of Sarah Johnson Bonner.
- Rebel Carolina Motsinger was born August 24. She is the daughter of Christopher and Chase Motsinger and the sister of Nolan. Her grandparents are Mike and Debra Motsinger.
- Wells Greer Eskew was born on August 27. He is the son of David and Mary Eskew, and the brother of Anna Frances and Turner.

In Sympathy

- Amy Shoemaker and her family in the death of her uncle, Herbert Burnett Lockwood on August 4th.
- David Bonheimer and his family in the death of his aunt, Madolyn R. Stinson on August 7th.
- Will Johns, III and his family in the death of his father, Will Ewing “Bill” Johns, Jr. on August 7th.
- Brant Biggers and his family in the death of his mother, Nancy Gravely Biggers on August 8th.
- Louise Warren in the death of her nephew, William Edward Poe, Jr. on August 9th.
- Kristie Hill and her family in the death of her grandfather, Bruce Clifford Addis on August 10th.
- Kathy Hall and her family in the death of her father, Charles Wallace Angle on August 11th.
- Roberta Teachey in the death of her brother-in-law, Juergen Rathgeber on August 19.
- Katie Crowley in the death of her brother, Timothy P. Crowley on August 21.

Church Staff Recognition

September is historically a busy month for employee anniversaries. We have several anniversaries in September ranging from 1st year through 19th year!



1 Year - **Caitie Jackson**

Caitie celebrates her first year with Providence on September 1. She is the full-time Music Ministry Administrative Assistant. Her duties include laying out our worship guides and coordinating our Sunday flowers.



8 Year - **Richard Landers**

Richard celebrates his 8th year as Church Administrator on September 3 (five-years the current tenure and three years the first tenure). He is known for enabling staff to do their best, and for assuring them that their best will always be enough.



2 Year - **Lee Canipe**

Lee celebrates his second year as Senior Pastor with Providence on September 19. Lee has been instrumental in the development of "Providence Will," our 8-year foundational strategic plan. Lee includes a walk around our campus after lunch every day, which also

provides an extra pair of eyes to identify campus needs.



11 Year - **Diann Clark**

Diann celebrates her 11th year on September 17 as the full-time Church Organist and Music Associate. Along with her weekly Sunday tasks, she is accompanist for funerals and weddings, and many musical events at the church. She also teaches piano on her off hours.



3 Year - **Kristen Hendrix**

Kristen celebrates her 3rd year as the part-time Children's Ministry Administrative Assistant. Her positive attitude and smile are at the core of her heart-felt service to the church and families of Providence.



11 Year - **Jeff Motsinger**

Jeff celebrates his 11th year as a part-time Custodian at Providence. He works on Mondays and Fridays and focuses on recycling projects and church grounds upkeep.



4 Year - **Al Traver**

Al celebrates his 4th anniversary on September 17 as a member of our part-time maintenance staff. When Al is assigned to a maintenance project or a special project, there is no doubt of the accuracy and care that he provides.



19 Year: **Dianna Neil**

Dianna celebrates her 19th year as our full-time Lead Cook on September 27. While always available to pitch in and help for special events, she focuses on the Monday – Friday menus for the Weekday Education Ministry (breakfast, lunch and snacks). She often

graces the staff with her amazing baked goods.

New Members of our Team



Brandon Whitener began his service as the full-time Recreation Associate on August 13. He has a BA from Lenoir-Rhyne University in Sports Management and a minor in Business. Brandon has several years of experience in recreation and sports management.



Anthony Bazemore began his service as the full-time Custodian Supervisor on August 20. His strong foundation of facility supervision and diligent work ethic is a tremendous addition to our Providence team.

Announcing New Endowments

The Endowment Committee is excited to announce four new endowments! These new endowments are helping us meet our goals of Providence Will to grow the endowment at least \$3-million in these next eight years.



Richard Landers

- **Adams Endowment:** On June 25, Bonnie Adams, in memory of her husband Clarence Adams, established the Clarence Adams Endowment Fund with a \$25,000 gift to the endowment and \$5,000 for immediate needs to be available for the initial three years (2018 – 2020). Due to Clarence’s many years of dedicated lay leadership and service to Providence, and his particular love of grounds and landscaping, earnings from the fund are designated for the perpetual care of the grounds of Providence Baptist Church.
- **Crouch Eddins Endowment:** This past summer, the endowment committee was approached by church members who desired to honor the long-time mission and outreach activities of Mary Ann Crouch, George Crouch, Anne Eddins, and Harold Eddins. Currently, and over the past several years, these four individuals have been instrumental in Providence’s mission efforts which have spanned local, state, national and international opportunities. An initial \$7,500 was received from anonymous donors and this amount was matched with a \$7,500 grant from the Dowd Foundation for a grand total of \$15,000.
- **Judson Scholarship Endowment:** Matt and Sarah Blackwell began raising funds for our Burmese students a few years ago. That designated fund has now grown into the Judson Scholarship Endowment which honors the efforts of Baptist missionaries - Adoniram and Ann Judson in bringing the gospel message to Burma in the early 1800s. The fruits of their labor are evident in a group of Christian refugees from Burma that now call Providence Baptist home. This endowment is intended to help support any Burmese student associated with Providence Baptist Church obtain education past high school.
- **Nussman Endowment:** On July 16, Tommy Nussman, in memory of his wife Kay Moore Nussman, established the Kay Nussman Endowment Fund with a \$10,000 gift to the endowment and \$5,000 for immediate needs to be available for the initial two years (2018 – 2019). Due to Kay’s many years of dedicated volunteering and service to Providence, and her particular love of the activities ministries, earnings and income from the fund are designated for the activities ministries with particular emphasis on hospitality and security of the Activity Center of Providence Baptist.

It is a blessing and honor to serve with these members of the Endowment Committee: Les Miller - Chair, Tim Dukes - Vice Chair, Myra Zweier - Secretary, Jane Truesdel, John Hall, Rita Stanley, Allen Latty, Kathy Sparks, Carol Simmons, and Rick Farrell - Finance Committee Liaison. Contact me or anyone on the committee for more information about contributing to our endowment funds and/or beginning a new endowment!

Church Audit

The accounting firm of C. DeWitt & Foard has completed the 2017 Audit and noted that all records are accurate and appropriate. Contact Richard Landers or Amy Shoemaker for a copy.

Q3 Recap

The Minister for Adult Discipleship profile was unanimously approved as submitted. The Search Committee is advertising for the position. The complete minutes will be available soon.

Weekday Education Ministry Update

See page 4 for a feature on our new Weekday Education Director Ursula Taylor and our new Weekday Education Assistant Director Kim Gray.



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Mission Action Work Day

*Tuesday, September 4 at 10:00am
Nalley Missions Center*



Student "Yuck Night"

*Wednesday, September 5 at 6:00pm
Aubrey Arant Fields*



PrimeTimers' Luncheon

*Thursday, September 20 at 12:00pm
Crouch Fellowship Hall*



Metropolitan Music Ministries

*Sunday, September 30 at 6:00pm
Sanctuary*

Next Connections is October 1, 2018.

Deadline for submitting articles,
photos, or announcements is
Noon, Monday, September 17.
Articles should be 350 words or less.
Email your submissions to:
ssneed@providencebc.org.

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