

April 1, 2018



PROVIDENCE

BAPTIST CHURCH

Start Here

"Heaven and earth will pass away,
but my words will not pass away."

Mark 13:31



New Beginnings



Lee Canipe

Martha Haigler has served Providence Baptist Church faithfully for many years now, first as Membership Secretary and, most recently, as our Pastoral Care Associate, a position with both pastoral care and administrative support responsibilities. Beginning April 1, she will start her work as Interim Director of Pastoral Care here at Providence.

So, what does this mean?

First and foremost, it means that Martha will be serving Providence in the area where her true passion and gifts for ministry lie. An ordained minister and honors graduate of Gardner-Webb's School of Divinity, Martha enjoys doing pastoral care—and she's good at it. Not only does Martha know her way around the hospitals, in-care facilities, and retirement villages in the Charlotte region, she's been around this church long enough to know the Providence people who are in these facilities.

Moreover, Martha has a knack for organization that helps her keep track of who's where, when they got there, why they had to go there, and how they're doing. In a large church, where keeping up with everybody and their pastoral care needs—especially in times of crisis—can be a challenge (to say the least), this knack is a huge advantage. Already during my time at Providence, I have pretty much on a daily basis been blessed by—and grateful for—Martha's efficient, informative, accurate reports and her wise recommendations. She cares deeply about Providence and its members.

When the apostle Paul writes about spiritual gifts, he maintains that each Christian “is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good” (1 Corinthians 12:7). In other words, when we serve God through the church by doing what we like doing and are good at doing, then everybody benefits. I am confident that, during this interim period, putting Martha in a position to make best use of her gifts will be a positive move, both for Martha and for Providence.

The second thing this change in Martha's position means is that, soon, I hope you will begin to notice a change in the way we do pastoral care here. Specifically, we want to make it easier for members to contact on-call ministers and deacons. We also want to improve the way we share information so that ministers, deacons, Sunday School leaders, and visitation teams can better keep up with Providence people in times of need. Finally, we want to be more

intentional about reaching out to Providence people whom we haven't seen or heard from in a while. There is a surprisingly large number of folks who fall into this category. Some have no doubt moved away from Charlotte, or started attending a different church in the area, without letting us know about these significant changes in their lives. Others still consider Providence to be their church, but their connections here have, for whatever reason, grown weak over time. Because good pastoral care requires good communication, we intend to make the effort on our part to be in touch with those we've been missing.

Now, with all that said, I imagine you may yet have some lingering questions about what will happen during this transition time at Providence. Let me try to anticipate a few:

Q. With Martha assuming the role of Interim Director of Pastoral Care, what will happen to her administrative responsibilities?

A. Beginning April 1, Sharon Isley will assume these duties. Martha has spent the month of March orienting Sharon in preparation for this move.

Q. Why is Martha's position designated as “Interim”?

A. Because we are in an interim period following David Jordan's resignation as Teaching Pastor and Martha is taking on some of the responsibilities that might otherwise go unmet during this interim.

Q. What will happen to the Teaching Pastor position?

A. Based on my conversations with the Personnel Committee and the Deacons' Strategic Planning Ministry Group, a new ministerial position will most likely be created in its place, one focused primarily on faith formation and Christian discipleship. As per our by-laws, when the time comes to move forward with the process of creating this new position, the Nominating Committee will form a search committee. Once this search committee has been approved by the congregation, it can begin developing a profile for this new position which will, when completed, be submitted to the congregation for approval. At that point, the search committee can start its work in earnest.

As the month of April begins, please pray for Martha and Sharon as they begin new roles at Providence. Pray also for God's guidance in our process of discernment as we search for new ministry leadership here in the days to come. Most of all, however, “in everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you” (1 Thessalonians 5:18). We certainly have many good reasons to be thankful.

May the peace of Christ be with you!



Online Sermons

Did you miss Sunday's sermon?

Out of town?
No worries!

Volunteering with the children?
You can still hear the good word!



Our Sunday sermons are posted online each week.

You can find sermons from last week to three years ago!

Simply go to our website at www.providencebc.org/worship.
Scroll down to "Sermons" and click "Listen."
It's THAT easy!

You can also subscribe to the Providence channel through iTunes:
"Sunday Mornings at Providence Baptist, Charlotte, NC"

On Second Thought

"On Second Thought" is an extra little tidbit from Sunday's sermon. Lee Canipe sends an email that arrives in your inbox every Monday morning with a question, a challenge, or a point to ponder based on the previous day's sermon.

Think of it as going a step further in your conversation with God and His Word.

Want to give it a try? It's EASY!

Subscribe!
Email ssneed@providencebc.org.



Deacon on Call

Deacon on call phone number: 704.366.4030x147

March 28 - April 3: Ann Long-Jones
April 4 - 10: David Eskew
April 11 - 17: Debra Wallace
April 18 - 24: Garo Aghjayan
April 25 - May 1: Kelly Perrone



Minister on Call

March 30 - April 1: Tim Hill (704.641.4270)
April 6 - 8: Dane Jackson (804.651.7768)
April 13 - 15: Lee Canipe (704.975.0340)
April 20 - 22: Randy Ballard (704.650.9449)
April 27 - 29: Richard Landers (704.608.3371)

March 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, 3/25 \$ 572,556

Expenses Paid

Through Sunday, 3/25 \$ 525,430

Net Revenue to Expenses

Through Sunday, 3/25 \$ 47,126

Game On

Vacation Bible School

June 18 - 22

9:00am - 12:00pm

Summertime is just around the corner and it is time to make your plans to get your children involved in Vacation Bible School. Sign up your children (ages preK - 5th grade completed) for this fantastic week of summer. This year's theme is "Game On," so we will be gearing up for Life's Big Game!

Register online at www.providencevbs.org

Extended care is available by reservation! Call Kristen Hendrix at 704.366.4030x125.



Volunteer

Can You Help?

We are looking for coaches to help us in Vacation Bible School.



We need teachers, singers, crafters, snackers and bakers.

Simply, whatever your talent, we can use you in Vacation Bible School!

So raise your hand and get signed up to volunteer at www.providencevbs.org (or call Julia Wright at 704.366.4030x138).

Super Bible Buddies



It has been a joy having our boys and girls in the Bible Buddies program this year! As first and second graders, these children were introduced to stories of the Bible,

learned 6 Bible verses and began learning Bible skills. We are proud of their hard work!

Thomas Blackwell
Margot Christian
Mason Genett
Jack Hall
Lillie Hanson
Ella Haze Hendrix
Spencer Honeycutt
William McKinney

Davis Query
Ashley Smith
Parker Smith
Andrew Story
James Story
Mary Elizabeth Stroupe
Lillian Taylor

Congrats, Bible Drillers

We are proud of our boys and girls in grades 3 - 5 who participated in Bible Drill 2017-2018.

They learned the books of the Bible, memorized 25 Bible verses and learned 10 key passages.

They worked **HARD!** We know they will continue learning and growing in Christ. Congratulations!



Blake Aghjayan
Ashleigh Aycock
Andrew Blackwell
Peter Canipe
Gracie Hanson
Haddie Hanson
Jack Hendrix
Jackson Honeycutt

Benjamin Lian
Courtney Mulley
Matthew Perrone
Lila Stockwell
Olivia Story
Boone Stroupe
Max Thomas

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

Digging in the Dirt



Pamela James in her happy place

Our Weekday Education Ministry is glad to have longtime Providence member, Mrs. Pamela James on its staff as the garden specialist.

Prior to growing season, Mrs. Pamela can be found inside the classroom working with our preschoolers to plant seedlings in cups. During growing season, she is digging in the dirt with our youngest friends. They are planting seedlings and weeding the garden. During harvest, there is great joy in seeing the bounty of tomatoes, cucumbers, squash, and more.

All the time that she is working in the garden with the children, she is also teaching about her faith. For you see, Mrs. Pamela believes in a God who makes things grow and who brings the harvest in due time.

A Friend to Young Children

For 25 years, Mrs. Debbie Woodworth has shared her life and love with the children of our Weekday Education Ministry. Debbie tells of her beginning at Providence:

“Our neighbors and friends, Perry and Estelle Jones, recommended their church preschool when my husband and I were searching for a Christian based school for our two-year-old son, Elliot. We enrolled Elliot in Providence and I started volunteering in the preschool. At that time, Weekday Director Becky Stout, asked me one day if I was interested in a teaching position, and the rest is history. Thank you for the opportunity to work at Providence. The children, their love, joy and fellowship have been a blessing.”

We are honored to have Mrs. Debbie on our staff and congratulate her on 25 years of ministry!



Debbie Woodworth

Week of the Young Child

The Week of the Young Child™ is an annual celebration hosted by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). We will revel in early learning, young children, their teachers, and their families.

This year's week-long event is **April 16–20**. We are so excited for this celebration of our youngest learners!

Get ready to have fun as we enjoy special activities every day that week! Be on the lookout for our calendar of events!



No NASCAR Here



Monday, April 16
5:00pm
Dinner and
Seminar

Parents of Preschoolers:
Join us for “Childhood

Is Not a NASCAR Event,” a parenting seminar by Cathie Brooks. Enjoy dinner in the Crouch Fellowship Hall with friends who are going through the same stage of life you are. Get tips and practical advice on how to weather these days! Childcare is available by calling Kristen Hendrix at 704.366.4030x125.

Sundays for Students

Sunday Morning Series: *Learning to Share Grace - Giving Away Faith*

After exploring their own faith, our students will discover endless ways to share that faith with others. Each week's lesson asks students a new question about their relationship with Christ and others—What am I saying? What do I hear? What am I learning? What am I doing?—while Gospel texts provide powerful examples of Christ's love and guidance.



Sunday Night Series: *Through the Darkness*



Have you ever turned on the news only to wish you hadn't? Or answered a phone call only to wish you could un-hear the news on

the other end? Whether it's a global disaster, a school shooting, our parents' divorce, or the death of a friend, there's nothing fun about tragedy. It can make us feel like we're walking around in total darkness—where nothing seems quite right and there are more questions than answers.

What do we say?

What do we do?

What happens next?

And, how long will it take

before things go back to normal?

At some point, we'll all find ourselves in or around a tragedy, but being there doesn't mean we have to stay there. There's a way through the darkness to the other side, to healing—and we'll get there by trusting the One who is leading us.

Passport:missions Camp

Registration is now open. Sign up on the website at www.providencecbc.org/students.



Meet Dane for Town Hall

This meeting is open to parents of current and future students. At this meeting you will have the opportunity to:



- Hear Dane's report on "The State of Student Ministry" both in the context of Providence and the broader country.
- Hear a brief report on upcoming and past events.
- Ask questions of Dane and of each other that pertain to parenting, ministering to students and families, or visioning for the future.

Relationships are built and sustained by trust, honesty, and communication. The goal of these meetings is to create a safe space for conversations to happen, questions to be asked, and for our faith and trust in each other to be built up. Let us continue to build each other up as partners in the faith formation of our students.

Bake Sale

Sunday April 29th
8:30am - 12:30pm

Benefitting Student Missions.
Grab some goodies and support our students!

A big "thanks" to our Senior Adult Committee!



High School Stuff

Mission Trip

Knoxville, TN July 22 - 28

Registration opens Monday, May 7

Parent Info Session Sunday, May 20 @ 7:00pm
in the Chapman Youth Room



Spring Retreat

We still have a few spaces remaining. Contact Dane or George ASAP!

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

Providence Presents

“Children of Eden”

On May 3, the Providence Sanctuary will be transformed with a Spark of Creation, as Father (God) and a group of Storytellers bring “Children of Eden” to life. From musical theatre greats, Stephen Schwartz and John Caird, this inspirational, foot-stomping musical takes a look at timeless conflicts between parents and children through the prism of the Bible’s story of Genesis. Adam, Eve, Noah and the “Father” (who created them) deal with the headstrong, cataclysmic actions of their respective children. The show ultimately delivers a bittersweet, but inspiring message: that “The Hardest Part of Love ... Is Letting Go.”

We are excited to welcome Stephen Ware back to the stage as he reprises the role of Father alongside an amazing cast. Indeed, we have assembled a wonderful group of singers and actors to tell this timeless story—and, it’s only “The Beginning.” There are roles for children, students, and adults—and there’s still time to join the cast! If you are interested in being on stage with us, please contact Randy Ballard or me ASAP!



Timothy Hill

We are also looking for volunteers to help with costumes, staging, sets, lighting, and so much more ... it takes many folks working together to bring a show of this magnitude to life—so, if you’re willing to lend a hand, please let us know.

As a church, it is our hope that this show will bless our church and community!

We ask for your prayerful support! You can also support the show in other ways: join the cast, volunteer for a crew, support the program financially, purchase tickets, invite friends and family ... the list goes on and on.

The family-friendly production will open May 3 and run through May 6. Tickets will be on sale during the month of April and in the days leading up to the show. Look for more information on the church website ... and help us spread the word.

Now, we begin ...



A Sunday Kind of Hospitality



Caitie Jackson

Often, when we think of hospitality, we think of it through the lens of how we receive guests in our midst. But the reality is, we practice and receive hospitality wherever we are, even when we are outside our home. As Christians we are given an opportunity to extend hospitality in the way of Christ. How we do both ... offer and receive ... reflects how we live out the calling of God upon our lives and as a congregation.

While we often think of worship as a place to listen and participate, Sunday morning is the perfect place to live into this call. Our church and the sanctuary is a place to open our hearts, extend an invitation, practice empathy, talk to our neighbor in the pew, and set a place at the table for people to receive the words: “All are welcome here. YOU belong here.”

For the Music Ministry at Providence, hospitality comes in the form of creating a welcoming space for worship. Starting on Monday, the music and prayers are

intentionally chosen to flow with the theme and scripture; the worship guide is reviewed multiple times; the altar is prepared; and the sanctuary is set for worship. These tasks may seem small, but they are paving the way for worshippers and guests to feel and experience the presence of God and to nurture them through worship, the sacraments, spiritual disciplines, and other means of grace.

What spaces are you preparing for hospitality? Are you inviting others and welcoming the stranger? These are the questions that hospitality asks of us. A Sunday kind of hospitality takes these questions, then charges us to allow our faith to enrich these opportunities.

We are called by God to offer hope to men, women, older people, baby boomers, millennials, and children. We are called to welcome our neighbors with open arms, gathering all into God’s beloved community—into one beautiful and diverse body. May we continue the mission of seeking, welcoming, and gathering persons into the community of the body of Christ.



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

2018 Quebec Mission Trip

“Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.”

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10



Welcome home! (l-r) Colette McCollum, Sid Carpenter, Stewart McCollum, Connie Carpenter, Lee Canipe, Jay Wright, Bill Griffin and Pastor Daniel Cimon

Snow, Worship, Snow, Poutine, Snow, Carrots, Snow, Asparagus, Snow, Food Crates ... and did we mention snow??

Many may ask “why would anyone go to Canada in the middle of winter with temperatures hovering at a balmy 9 degrees with 6 feet of snow blanketing the ground?” It’s simple; God is at work through

our brothers and sisters in Christ in the congregation there. Even though their own incomes are meager, they minister to their neighborhood through a weekly food bank and worship services. They need many hands and encouragement as they live, work and minister in an area where most reject God and religion, and many are very skeptical of anyone called “Baptist.”

“I was hungry and you gave me something to eat ... I was a stranger and you invited me in ...” Matthew 25:35

Week in and week out these Christian believers tirelessly gather, sort, prepare and distribute 125 crates of nourishing food to families, all in the name of Jesus Christ and His love. With our extra hands, this week over 6 TONS of food went out, but they do this EVERY WEEK.

Here are some thoughts from the team:

“Pastor Daniel’s faith is an inspiration to me and encourages me to seek a more deeply rooted trust in Jesus.” – Bill Griffin

“Our friends in Chateauguay do what all Christians say we want to do ... They walk the walk, talk the talk and feed the hungry (both literally and spiritually) ... it was an uplifting experience.” – Jay Wright

“I have never known anyone (Pastor Daniel Cimon) that has sacrificed so many everyday pleasures that I take for granted. A living example of ‘because you did it to the least of these my brothers, you did it to me’ ... Matthew 25:45 ... our world needs more Daniel Cimon.” – Stewart McCollum

We have returned to the spring beauty of Charlotte with new lifelong Canadian friends to be in prayer for, and a profound sense of yearning to do more in our own community. What is to keep us from reaching out to those in our neighborhood?

Article submitted by Connie Carpenter

Rama Road Carnival

The Rama Road Tutoring crew is busily preparing for their Spring Carnival on Thursday, April 26th and they need your help!

The children will play a variety of fun indoor games, (Carpet Golf, Ring Toss, and Go Fish) and prizes will be awarded!

Can you help?

Look around your house for gently used household knickknacks, stuffed animals, children’s books, jewelry, etc. Your gifts enable the children to select prizes for themselves AND to “go shopping” for family members.

Label your donations “Rama Road Carnival” and bring them to the Reception Desk by **Wednesday, April 25th.**

Questions?

Contact Dorothy Welling 704.366.3568 or dorothywelling@att.net.



Mission Collection

Help us collect birthday wrapping paper and colored ribbon for the “Bless a Birthday” program through Bright Blessings.



Bring joy, care and hope to homeless and impoverished children, whose special day might otherwise go unnoticed.

Birthday wrapping paper and any color ribbon can be dropped off in the hallway leading to the Crouch Fellowship Hall during the month of April. Help make someone’s birthday special!

Contact: Julia Wright
jwright@providencebc.org



Mission Trip

College Students

May 16 - 20

Sign up

Deadline April 1st

Still want to go?

Contact Randy Ballard TODAY!

Join us in New York City
at Metro Baptist.

Open to all college students.
\$200pp (plus your airfare)
\$100 Deposit due NOW

Contact Randy Ballard.
rballard@providencebc.org



WMU

Tuesday, April 3

Nalley Missions Center

10:30am - Connie Andrews Prayer Group

11:30am - General Meeting



Betsy Marshall
will be our
guest speaker.
She is the daughter
of Margaret and
Harrison Marshall,
and she will share
her experiences

of living, traveling and teaching
in Malaysia.

Lunch will be served.

For event information contact:

Penny Hewett at 704.552.0688

or

Anne Tunstall at 704.567.9593

Missions Update

Last year, Missions Committee chose Micah 6:8 as our guiding verse:
“He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”

As we await the Strategic Plan for our church, the Missions Committee seeks to both prepare for a new focus and to live out our verse – to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly. We invite you to join us and prepare room in your heart and mind for where God is leading us as a congregation.

When we consider missions, there are typically two schools of thought: those who believe it centers on “evangelism” and those who believe it is about “doing.” We challenge that it is both: telling people about Jesus AND being the hands and feet of Jesus to those in need. With God’s help, we pray we will find the best ways to do just that.

We want to make you aware of two ways that, as a committee, we are preparing for the future. First, we will be asking you where you are serving already. Second, we want you to be aware of our renewed focus on education.

In the next month or so, you will be asked to participate in a survey of activities that you are already engaged in. Those might be Sunday School activities or projects you are involved with or church wide initiatives like Room In the Inn or the Rama Road Tutoring Project. This information will help us see if there are commonalities in the way we serve. Knowing who we are and what we do will be foundational in determining new pathways.

In order for us to be good leaders and champions for blessing our city and world, we also must be informed. Last year, we brought you the study on “Doing Missions Right,” led by David Jordan, based Biblically and on the book *Toxic Charity*.

Presently, we are researching books so that we may offer something similar, and we are currently reading *The Hundred Story Home* and *When Helping Hurts*. We are also researching a framework on what other churches are doing in our community, in the hopes that we may be up-to-date and learn best practices.

Finally, our committee will be reading and studying the “Opportunity Task Force” report on the city of Charlotte. If you are not aware of this report, it was put together after Charlotte was ranked last in the nation for upward mobility (www.leadingonopportunity.org). We hope to continue to educate our committee and the church at large, thoughtfully bringing information, studies, and speakers to challenge and enlighten us.

We believe that blessing others through missions comes from knowing our congregation, continuing our education, and learning about our city and how to best help. Please pray with us over our verse Micah 6:8, and ask God to direct us as we seek to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

Article submitted by Margaret Marshall

Act Justly
Love Mercy
Walk Humbly
Micah 6:8

PrimeTimers



Thursday, April 19
12:00pm

With Special Guest
Les Miller
\$7.00 per person

Les will help us plan for our futures, as he gives us helpful information about estate planning, endowments and more.

RSVP Deadline: Sunday, April 15.

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

PrimeTimers ROADTRIP

Day Trip July 19

Flat Rock, North Carolina

\$85.00 per person

Includes round trip motorcoach, buffet lunch, coupon for shopping at "A Day in the Country," and the 2:00pm matinee performance of "Broadway on the Rock."

Only 23 tickets left!

Reserve your space today with a \$25 deposit. Due May 2nd.



Join us! You'll love the fellowship and the day out. Questions? Call Wilna Eury at 704.553.2615.

Bake Sale

Sunday, April 29

8:30am - 12:30pm
Rotunda

Treat yourself to some deliciousness!

sponsored by the Senior Adult Committee



CAN YOU HELP? We need:

cakes, cookies, breads, candies, bars, brownies
(no pies, please)

Donate your home baked goods.
Prewrap your items - we will price!

Sign up in the Rotunda by Sunday, April 22 or get your name on the list by calling Wilna Eury at 704.553.2615.

Drop items off in Rotunda Saturday, April 28 between 2:00pm - 4:00pm.

All proceeds support student summer mission trips.

Not a sweet tooth? Donate money directly by earmarking your contribution "Student Missions."

Prayer Vigil

Saturday, April 28

8:00am - 12:00pm

Gordon Weekley Chapel

Stop for a moment and pray. The Gordon Weekley Chapel will be open for you.

Simply come, sit, pray, ponder. This is your time.



League Champs

Our Young Pro basketball team took the Providence league championship in March! From their easy layups to swishing threes, these guys had what it took to bring home the trophy! Congratulations, champs!



Congratulations to our Young Pro champions!

(l-r) Trey Laughrun, Billy Zweier, Steven Allison, Mark Fenimore, Jordan Harris (kneeling), Mike Davidson, Alex Wolfe (kneeling), and McLean McGarry.

Soccer Coaches Needed

Help us reach outside the Providence walls by coaching a children's soccer team.
It's fun. It's meaningful.
And it makes a difference!

Didn't play soccer professionally? It's OK! This is a children's league and we work on the basics!

It only takes two (yes, that's 2) hours a week to impact a child's life.

Reach out to people in our community and help us Engage Cotswold!

Email Randy Ballard today at rballard@providencebc.org and ask how you can help.



Annual Rock Hunt

"Hurray" for another great turnout during our annual Providence Easter Rock Hunt!

Children (of all ages) came to hang out with their friends, hunt colored rocks, and collect fabulous prizes!

Thanks to the many volunteers who helped make this exciting day a reality. It wouldn't have been the same without you!



Dennis Stallings enjoyed last year's event with his grandson.

Volunteers Needed

Providence boasts an awesome gym with great equipment. Our exercise classes are fabulous.

But what is our greatest asset?

Our VOLUNTEERS!

They make it all possible!

Join the team. It's easy and it's on your schedule!

To volunteer, call Randy Ballard at 704.366.4030x133.

Activity Center Hours

Our Activity Center is open every day of the week. Come for a workout or just a walk around the track on a rainy day. Just get here - and get moving!

Monday: 8:00am - 8:30pm

Tuesday: 8:00am - 8:30pm

Wednesday: 8:00am - 5:00pm
7:00pm - 9:00pm

Thursday: 8:00am - 8:30pm

Friday: 8:00am - 3:00pm

Saturday: 9:00am - 2:00pm

Sunday: 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Find Your Friends



Providence is a BIG church. And we have LOTS of people. Wouldn't it be nice to have all that member information at your fingertips?

Ever need an address for a thank you note? Want to give someone a call on the go?

That information is readily available. Just get the "Church Life" app. It's easy!

Just go to www.providencebc.org/access-accs and click the red link, which will take you to a member services page. Go to "Need a Login - Click Here," and you'll be able to set up an account.

Once you have your Providence account set up, go to the app store and download the Church Life App. (Don't be afraid of the app store. It's easy!) Now, no matter where you are, you can always stay connected!

Let's Be 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!!

It's All Here, Providence

Did you know you can find out all sorts of cool things just by clicking on the Providence website? "What are we eating for dinner Wednesday night?" It's there. "Can I listen to last week's sermon?" Of course! "I forgot; does my child sing in worship this week?" Find out. "Are there mission trips I can go on?" Why, YES!

The website is a wealth of information. Just give it a try! If you spend any time on the site, you will see there are 5 main headers: **Start Here, Learn, Do, Fellowship** and **Connect**. (Below is a legend of what is where.)

<u>Start Here</u>	<u>Learn</u>	<u>Do</u>	<u>Fellowship</u>	<u>Connect</u>
About Us	Our Youngest	Volunteer	Recreation	Newsletter
Team	Children	Trips	Sports	Give
Worship & Sermons	Students	Causes	Fellowship Dinners	Preschool
Music	Young Professionals	Partners	Educational Travel	Access ACS
Join Us	Adults		Special Events	Calendar
Contact	Senior Adults			Employment Facilities

You can also find "member" pages, which give you specific information, like the Children's "Cherish the Gift." Just go to the "Our Youngest" page or the "Children" page and click on the red button that says, "Cherish the Gift." Want to know what is happening with adults? Click the red "Talk About" button that can be found on the Adult and Senior Adult pages. These member pages have helpful and SPECIFIC weekly information that is always updated.

Did you know there is a day-to-day event calendar on the site? Want to know if there is Bible study this week? Find out! Check out the online calendar by looking under "Connect."

Wednesday Night Meals

Don't cook! Come and be tempted by our home made "deliciousness."

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



April 4

**No Wednesday
Night Activities**

April 11

Pot Roast
Au Gratin Potatoes
Steamed Broccoli
Rolls
Pumpkin Cake
(with Caramel Frosting)

April 18

BBQ Chicken Breast
Baked Beans
Corn Pudding
Corn Muffins
Banana Pudding

April 25

Spaghetti
(Sauces: Bolognese, Marinara or Alfredo)
Antipasto Salad
Garlic Bread
Key Lime Pie

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

Sunday Worship

**Services at
8:30am and 11:00am**

April 1 - Easter Sunday

(Sunrise Service: 6:30am at the Gazebo)

Communion
Mark 16:1-8

April 8

Dane Jackson - Guest Preacher

1 John 1:1-2:2

April 15

Acts 3:12-19

April 22

1 John 3:16-24

April 29

Acts 8:26-40

Wednesday Night Studies

We've got a great schedule planned for
April Wednesday Bible Study!
See what's happening!

**April 4 - NO Evening ACTIVITIES
Happy Spring Break!**

April 11, 18 and 25

"Preparing For Eden"

NOTE THE TIME:

6:10pm in the Sanctuary! Get ready for the
Providence production of "Children of Eden"
with a three-session study of the Creation, Fall,
and Flood stories in Genesis.

Led by Lee Canipe in the Sanctuary.

Wednesday Night Bible Study



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

New Member



Ashleigh Aycock joined Providence by profession of personal faith on February 25. She will be baptized on April 1. Ashleigh is the daughter of Michael and Jessica Aycock and the sister of Addison.

Dedication of Life



Emma Bryant Iams was dedicated on February 25. She is the daughter of Katie and Travis Iams and the sister of Miller. Emma Bryant is the granddaughter of Les and Rosaylnn Miller.

Welcome Our Very Newest

- Lennox Snow Martin was born on March 1 and is the daughter of Andrew and Ashley Martin. She is the granddaughter of Travis and Darlene Martin.
- Claudia Jane Morgan was born on March 21 and is the daughter of Craig and Andi Morgan. She is the little sister of Cash and Anson.

In Sympathy

- The family of Elaine Deal Fraunhofer in her death on February 19.
- Richard Gill in the death of his uncle, Samuel Gill on February 24.
- Mary Eskew in the death of her mother, Mary Greer Boyd Alford on February 25.
- Matt Scoggins in the death of his grandmother.
- Debbie Faison in the death of her brother, James Faison on March 7.
- Bess Terrell in the death of her stepson, Ben Terrell on March 8. Ben was Cape Terrell's stepbrother.
- Lorene Hall in the death of her sister, Faye Trexler Hilliard on March 11.
- Dianna Neil in the death of her mother, Leona Lupton on March 19.
- Karen Dukes and family in the death of her mother, Marjorie Evelyn Lane Karabatsos on March 24.
- Hunter Cook in the death of his nephew Thomas Joseph Bellino on March 24.

Providence Endowment Funds

As you might know, Providence is blessed with 14 separate endowment funds. At the end of 2017, the grand total (of all our endowments) was \$2,247,203. Each year, the Endowment Committee takes the previous year's grand total and averages that total with the grand totals of the previous 4 years to generate a 5-year average. Once the 5-year average is confirmed, the committee typically develops a 5% base, which is available to various committees and/or projects for distribution. Some endowments are permitted to use more than the 5% if special circumstances arise.



Richard Landers

Each month, specific Providence endowments will be featured in Connections so that our congregation can better understand the benefits and uses of our endowments.

The General Endowment: The General Endowment began as the “Unrestricted Endowment Fund” and was renamed in the 1980s. Gifts in any amount are accepted as part of this endowment. Unrestricted giving is encouraged so that the purposes of this endowment may be carried out as needs arise. Expenditures and disbursements from this endowment toward capital assets and needs shall not exceed 50% of the total disbursements during any calendar year. So, for each dollar expended from this endowment towards Providence Baptist capital needs and assets or special events/projects, a dollar must be expended for missions. While this endowment may be used to assist in the capital needs of our church, such income should be used primarily to expand and increase the church's contributions toward educational, denominational, community, and philanthropic causes, which reflect the principles and policies of Providence Baptist Church. Through 2017, the General Endowment represents the largest portion of the overall endowment fund at \$1,418,745.

The Maintenance Endowment: In late 2005, an anonymous gift from the estate of a deceased church member created the Maintenance Endowment. This endowment is used for the general maintenance of our property, and has been very beneficial in dealing with the maintenance of an aging facility. The Property Committee prioritizes the use of this endowment. Due to nature of property maintenance, the Property Committee is permitted to use more than the 5% standard allotment. At one point, this endowment totaled nearly \$500,000. By the end of 2017, it represented \$260,338 of the grand total. Please consider a gift to the Maintenance Endowment Fund and help us prepare for many years to come.

Stay tuned for features on other endowments in future issues of Connections.

In Appreciation

Dear Friends and Family of Providence Baptist Church:

On behalf of my family, I would like to say another deep and heartfelt THANK YOU for all the many ways you blessed us on Sunday, February 25. From the music to the flowers to the excellent food and amazing reception, the cards and letters and gifts and the very generous love offering, along with the countless kind words, good wishes and beautiful hugs ... it was an overwhelmingly meaningful day for me. What a joyful culmination of fifteen very special years.

Beyond Sunday and all the gifts that came with it however, it was simply another reminder for me of the incalculable privilege it has been to have shared life, memories and our common journey of faith. I will treasure my time with you and the multitude of lasting relationships for the rest of my life.

Thanks for everything that you have meant to me; thanks for everything you have done for me; and thanks for allowing my life to have been woven intimately into the Providence fellowship. Your friendships elevated my spirit, warmed my heart and gladdened my soul.

Blessings to you all and keep up the great work! With eternal love and boundless fond memories,

David Jordan



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WMU Meeting

*Tuesday, April 3 at 11:30am
Nalley Missions Center*



PrimeTimers

*Thursday, April 19 at 12:00pm
Crouch Fellowship Hall*



Prayer Vigil

*Saturday, April 28 8:00am - 12:00pm
Gordon Weekley Chapel*



Bake Sale

*Sunday, April 29 8:30am - 12:30pm
Rotunda*

Next Connections is May 1, 2018.

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

Thank you!



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