



July 1, 2017

# PROVIDENCE

BAPTIST CHURCH

*Start Here*



## The Church's Christ-Given Job Description



*Lee Canipe*

Jesus made it pretty clear to his disciples what he expected from them once he returned to heaven to sit at the right hand of God. He said, “Go and make disciples of all people everywhere, baptizing them and teaching them to obey everything that I’ve commanded you” (Matthew 28:19-20). We

call this expectation the Great

Commission. He also said, “Love God with everything you are and everything you have—and love your neighbor as yourself” (Mark 12:29-30). We call this expectation the Great Commandment.

The work of the church through the years, then, has been to translate these holy expectations that Jesus gave us into concrete acts of evangelism, compassion, justice, and reconciliation for the sake of those who don’t know the Lord. I like the way that the apostle Peter puts it, writing to the early church in 1 Peter 2:9: “But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.” In other words, Jesus has gathered a community of believers from all the nations of the world for the purpose of sharing—both in word and in action—the good news of what he has done for us.

That’s the church’s Christ-given job description. It’s rather broad, and it’s certainly much more than even the most-energetic, best-intentioned disciples could ever hope to live up to, apart from the abiding power of God’s Holy Spirit flowing through us. Nowhere in this New Testament job description, though, is the church given the task of celebrating the work of Caesar and his government. That’s Caesar’s job, not ours. When Peter tells us to “honor the emperor” (1 Peter 2:17), he’s reminding us that, although our true citizenship is in heaven, we are subject to the civil authorities and their laws while we are on this earth. New Testament Christians, under ordinary circumstances, are not disobedient citizens.

We are, however, bound to speak the truth as God has revealed it to us in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ—and sometimes this kind of witness puts us in the position of being critics of what we see our civil authorities doing. But not always. When they live up to the ideals of honest government, equal justice, and promoting the common good, then we are right to encourage our civil authorities to keep up their worthy efforts.

I appreciate the way that N.T. Wright, who is both a New Testament scholar and a retired bishop in England, sorts out our responsibilities in light of what God has already done for us. The resurrection, he writes, is God’s assurance that His new world has already begun, and with that assurance comes the courage for us to tell the powers of this world that, “We are urging you to do justice, and we’re going to hold your feet to the fire and go on reminding you when you get it wrong, and congratulating you when you get it right.”

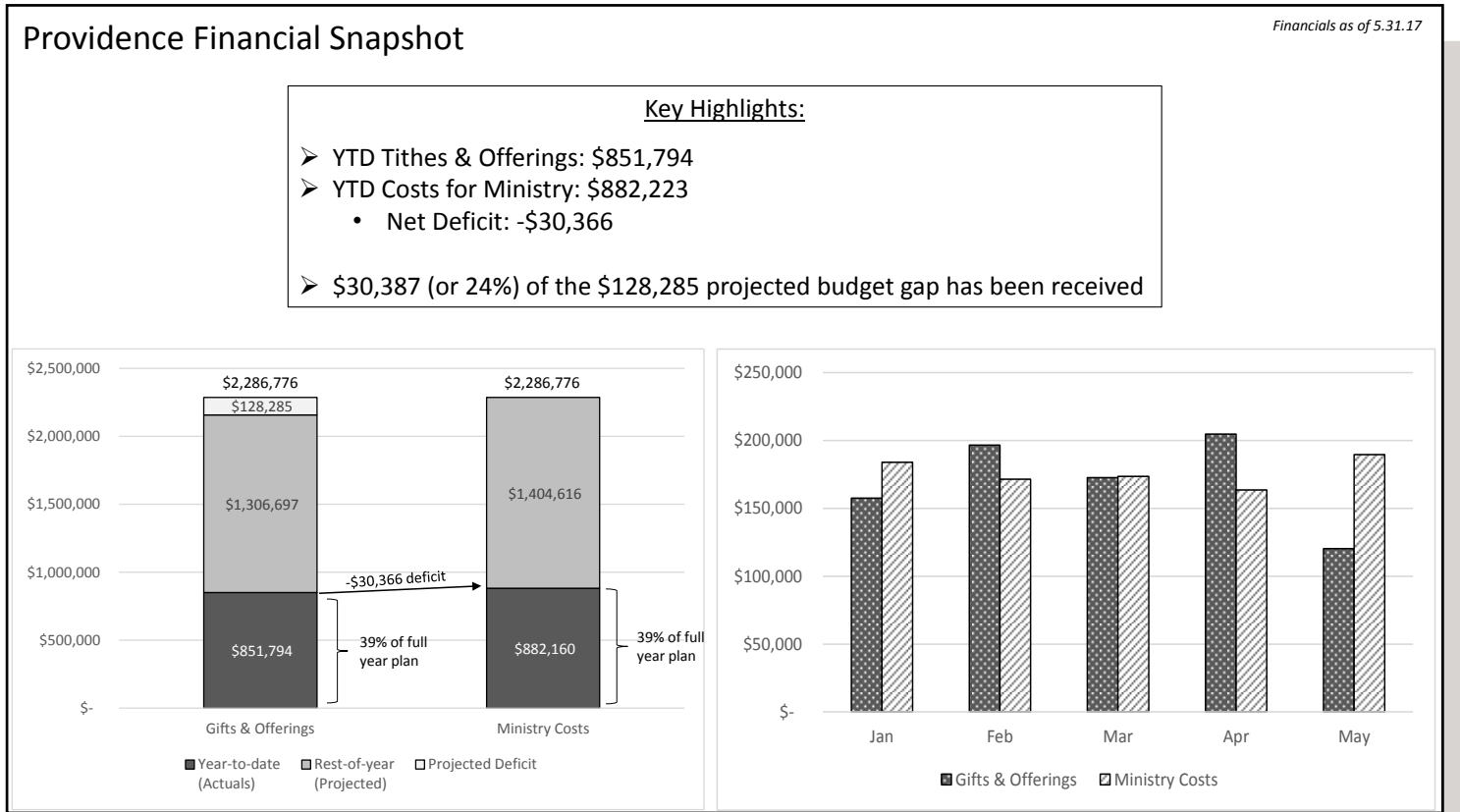
It’s tricky, though. The sands are forever shifting, which is why it’s so crucially important for the church to maintain its integrity and its independence from the government, political parties, and other interest groups that pursue their own agendas and causes. We are God’s holy people, Jesus is our king, and our job is to proclaim his gospel to all people everywhere, beginning with those who are closest to us here in Charlotte. As we head toward another Independence Day, let’s remember who we are and what Jesus does (and doesn’t) expect from us, so that we might be faithful disciples who are also responsible citizens.

May the peace of Christ be with you!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lee Canipe', written in a cursive style.

# Finance Committee Snapshot

See below for up-to-date financials from 5/31/17.



## Deacon on Call

Deacon on call phone number:  
704.366.4030x147

- June 28 - July 4: Tom Philson
- July 5 - 11: Dennis Stallings
- July 12 - 18: Al Traver
- July 19 - 25: Mike Walker
- July 26 - August 1: Debra Wallace



## Minister on Call

- July 2: Richard Landers (704.608.3371)
- July 9: Timothy Hill (704.641.4270)
- July 16: Julia Wright (704.458.3710)
- July 23: Lee Canipe (704.975.0340)
- July 30: David Jordan (704.724.2766)

## June 25, 2017

2017 Projected Deficit Reduction Fund\*  
\$37,148 (to date) \$128,285

Worship Total: 395  
Christian Stewardship  
**Revised** Average Weekly Requirement \$43,976  
The average weekly requirement is the annual budget of \$2,286,776 divided by 52 weeks.

Revised Revenue and Expenses	
Projected 2017	\$2,286,776
Revenue	
Through Sunday, 6/25	\$ 993,742
Expenses	
Through Sunday, 6/25	\$ 980,507
Net Revenue to Expenses	
Through Sunday, 6/25	\$ 13,235

\*Includes 2017 Projected Deficit Fund Receipts

## The Prophets of Israel; The Prophets of Today



David Jordan

In Biblical days, the prophets were called to speak and preach about justice and truth. Sometimes, their words were heeded; other times, they got themselves thrown in cisterns, or jail, or worse.

But they were doing what they felt

God wanted and needed—to get the people realigned to the laws

and hopes God envisioned. Specifically, they needed to expand their society's sense of community—and to broaden their individual sense of compassion.

Their job was not to foretell the future. This was strictly forbidden:

*No one shall be found among you ... who practices divination or fortune telling (or is a soothsayer) ...*  
(Deuteronomy 18:9-12).

*Do not turn to mediums or wizards; do not seek them out, to be defiled by them; I am the Lord your God*  
(Leviticus 19:31).

Instead, the prophet's role was to speak truth to power. They were to call on those in power to cease their selfishness, repent from their sinfulness, and reclaim the time-tested covenant relationship with Yahweh.

While they were not foretelling or predicting the future, they were attempting to change the future. That is, the prophets often told kings and influential people what they did not want to hear. They offered consistent reminders of:

1. God's ideas for what is best and what ought to be—or what ought not to be.
2. What they, the king, the leaders, and the people were doing wrong.
3. What they all needed to do to repair, restore, and reconcile what was wrong.
4. What repairing, restoring, and reconciling would look and feel like.

For a period of roughly 600 years, from 1000 B.C. to 397 B.C., prophets came and went, rose and fell. (Nathan was the first; Malachi was probably the last).

Repeatedly, the consistent topic for prophets then, as it often is now, remains justice, peace, and compassion for those left out of the resources available to others.

Jesus offered himself most fully to the marginalized. His focused compassion followed the example of those before him, and those attempting to follow him—voicing the truth that all should be full participants in God's good creation.

Our era also needs that prophetic conscience to bring us back to center, and to help us refocus time and resources to those critical points of society most bereft of attention.

Like in the days of long ago, these voices are sometimes strange and off-putting. But, we ignore the warnings and pleas and calls for learning at our own peril.

Living as faithful followers of Jesus in our world necessitates listening carefully, studying well, understanding fully and recognizing the ongoing revelation of God's concerns in our day. As Christians, God calls us further to interpret issues ourselves, and when appropriate and needed, to speak to the current events and issues of the time.

What issues would Jesus address today? Poverty, homelessness, hunger, violence, the proliferation of guns, and environmental concerns remain pertinent issues. The prophets of today call for caring people to work harder on—and express open concern for—such issues. We need these prophetic voices of eternal values to speak with fresh perspective and vital insights.

It is the prophets of the day, speaking truth to power, who offer the invaluable service of relevant faith in every age. Are we ready, able, and willing to listen?

Gratefully,

## Mid-Summer Bash

Wednesday, July 26  
5:30pm

Fun for the whole family!

Join us as we celebrate together at the Providence mid-summer bash!

We will have our favorite Wednesday night grill menu and special music. Bring your favorite freezer of home made ice cream and see how it compares to others. (We need at least 12 freezers.) We've got some winners!

## New Providence Directory

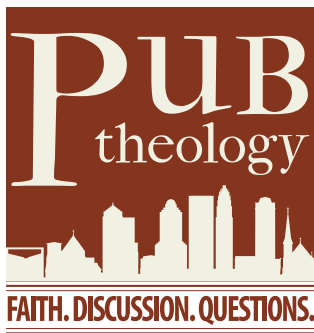
It's that time again!

We need a new Providence Pictorial Directory

Look for appointment sign ups in August.



## Young Professionals



Monday, July 10  
6:45pm

@ LeRoy Fox

Calling all Young Professionals!

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

Speakers may vary. The friends do not!

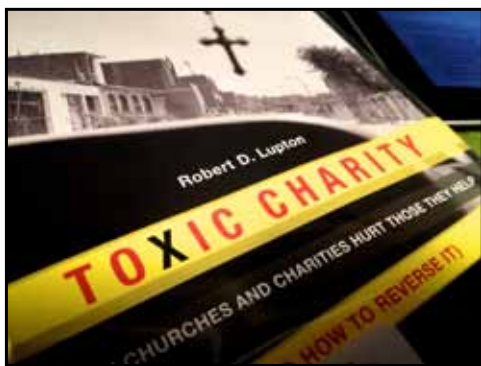
## July Mission Collection

We are collecting school supplies for our Burmese and Rama Road friends. Drop off items in the hallway leading to the Crouch Fellowship Hall.

- New or gently used children's books (K-5th grade)
- pencils
- pencil sharpeners
- crayons
- markers
- colored pencils
- scissors
- rulers
- glue sticks
- notebook paper



## August Sunday School



### Combined Adult Sunday School Option August 20 and 27

We will be offering a two week combined study during the Sunday School hour the last two Sundays of August. If you would like to prepare for these very important lessons on missions, begin reading:

“Toxic Charity: How Churches and Charities Hurt Those They Help (and How to Reverse It)” by Robert D. Lupton.

Order it in advance on Amazon.com or we can order it for you!

## PassportKids Camp 2017

July 9 – 12  
Converse College  
Spartanburg, SC

**DO. LOVE. WALK.**



We have 20 campers and five chaperones who will represent Providence at PassportKids Camp 2017. Our theme verse for this year is Micah 6:8. *“And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with your God.”*

Our campers will learn that faith does not have to be complicated, but there are requirements.

Following Jesus with our lives demands action!

Campers will enjoy Bible study, worship, recreation time, games, parties and much more! We will also learn about the people of Malawi as we share clean water through our mission offering.

**\*\* Pray for a good week for our campers as they participate and learn more about their faith. \*\***

## “Circle G” Ranch Circle Back



### Howdy, Pardner!

We heard the greeting “Howdy Pardner!” quite a bit across the Providence campus at the end of June as we transformed our church into the “Circle G Ranch” for Vacation Bible School. The word “pardner” sums up much of what happened this year in VBS. First of all, we “pardnered” together with God to open wide the doors of Providence, reaching out to the children of our church and our community.

And the buckaroos came! Each day we welcomed more than 475 children and volunteers to the ranch, and a majority of our children were from our community. Many of you volunteered your time and energy to “pardner”

with us, teaching those buckaroos and touching their lives with God’s love. And that “pardner”-ship was a good investment! Seeds of faith have been planted; and those seeds will bear fruit in the years to come.

During Vacation Bible School, we also “pardnered” with Rev. Bob Cheatham, who has a Cooperative Baptist Fellowship church in Abilene, Texas. Each week, he ministers to children in his neighborhood and community at his Cowboy Church. Our VBS children gave \$1,564.31 to Rev. Bob, enabling us to purchase new Bibles and a new concrete pad for the church.

We were all “pardners” together with God as we ministered to our children during VBS. Thank you to all who “pardnered” with us to make the Circle G Ranch a huge success!



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

## Why We Sing

*As our voices join together in song, we create a unique and worshipful moment in time. In his book, "The Singing Thing," John Bell explains these moving moments of congregational singing.*



“It is not simply to move, to convert, to influence others that we sing in church. The object or recipient of our singing is not those standing around us, but God, to whom our worship is offered. And so something extremely rare happens whenever a congregation sings to its Maker. For not only are there ten or fifty or five hundred individual voices giving their unique gift as they open their mouths and sing; there is also the unique blending of high and low voices, sharp and flat, sophisticated and rough-tongued, male and female,

old and young. The chances are that never again will every one of these people be in exactly the same place singing these particular hymns and songs. At the next service of worship some will be missing, others will be new and the likelihood is that the liturgy will require a different selection of texts for singing. So, if we can but sense it, every time a congregation sings, it is offering an absolutely one-time-only gift to its Maker. It is important that every song sung is offered to God with that sense of uniqueness. “God is worth it.”

## Come Sing Choir



No doubt you have seen some new faces in the choir loft these last few Sundays. “Come Sing” with us! We rehearse just once this month (Wednesday, July 26 at 7:15pm). Plan to meet us each Sunday morning at 10:00am in the Lowell Dotson Music Suite for a quick run-through of the music. **NO ROBES NECESSARY!**

## Sundays in July

**July 2**

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper  
Matthew 10:40-42

**July 9**

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

**July 16**

Isaiah 55:10-13

**July 23**

Genesis 28:10-19a

**July 30**

David Jordan Preaching  
Genesis 29:15-28

## Congratulations!

**Way to go, Tim!**

Timothy Paul Hill graduated in June from the Robert E. Webber Institute for Worship Studies with a Masters of Worship Studies degree. We are so grateful for your hard work and dedication!

Congratulations on a job well done!



*Emerson, Ella Rose, Tim and Kristie Hill*

For more information regarding the Music Ministry contact, Carol Arant at 704.366.4030x121 or carant@providencebc.org.

## Welcome, Dane Jackson!



*Rev. Dane Jackson*



The Student Minister Search Committee enthusiastically introduces Rev. Dane Jackson as the next Minister with Students and Their Families. The Providence church family held a Called Church Conference on Sunday, June 25 for the express purpose of voting on Dane's recommendation. Our congregation unanimously affirmed the search committee's choice!

Dane is just an ordinary guy, called to do extraordinary things with students. He is a fan of Orioles baseball, Clemson football and Kentucky basketball. And he's looking forward to cheering for all of our Charlotte teams! He loves barbecue (the North Carolina kind), coffee, sushi and sunshine. And he's game for any outdoor activity.

He and Caitie have been married for two years and have two beloved dogs, Buffy and Booker. Caitie ministers to college students at the University of Richmond and will be looking to find God's will for her ministry in Charlotte. Together, they love to serve God, bringing students in closer relationship with Christ. Dane and Caitie are on this adventure together, supporting, encouraging and honoring one another in their individual ministries and in their passion for serving God.



*Dane and Caitie Jackson*

**Dane begins his ministry at Providence on August 15.**

## Scholarship Winners

Recently, two outstanding high school seniors were awarded Providence scholarships.

The **Elle-J Scholarship** honors Charlie and Sheila Winborne's daughters Ellis and Jaye, by providing a scholarship to a High School senior who shows compassion, acceptance, and tolerance, who steps out of his or her comfort zone, and who sees all people solely for what is on the inside. Students are nominated for this scholarship, and the application is then reviewed by the Student Committee. **Reagan McCraney** lives this kind of special life and she is the recipient of this year's Elle-J scholarship. Congratulations, Reagan!

High school senior students also apply for the **Clark Family Scholarship**. The applications are then reviewed by the Student Committee. The Clark Family Scholarship is awarded to a student who exhibits Christian maturity, understands herself and self worth as one of God's creations, and who has shown leadership in the Student Ministry. **Alina McCue** exemplifies these characteristics and is this year's recipient of the Clark Family Scholarship. Congratulations, Alina!



*Reagan McCraney and Alina McCue*

**Anyone can help fund these scholarship endowments through legacy gifts and designated gifts. Contact Richard Landers at 704.366.4030x145 with questions.**

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



## Mission Trips Reprise



College Mission Trip - NYC

For Providence members, “summertime” actually means “service time.” Various groups from our church spend precious hours ministering to others throughout the summer. Their trips were all a bit different, but in the end, our folks all experienced moments of camaraderie and blessing as they served others.

Barely home from their spring semesters, our **College Students** spent a week in May serving others in NYC and Metro Baptist Church. With hair nets and helping hands, our students peeled potatoes (among other things)



Young Professionals Mission Trip - NYC

for God’s Love; We Deliver. The **Young Pros** took the helm next as they also used Metro Baptist as their homebase for a week in June. They worked on Metro’s rooftop garden, watering and weeding this wonderland of fresh herbs and vegetables. For many people in the neighborhood of Hell’s Kitchen, fresh veggies are a rare treat. Thanks to our

mission groups, the roof top is in great shape to yield an amazing crop throughout the summer months.

Then our **Middle Schoolers** traveled to Nashville, Tennessee. Their work varied from day to day, but our students all either played with, read to or created crafts with children who were part of the Nashville Boys & Girls Club. Our **High Schoolers** leave for Smyrna, Tennessee on July 16.

All of our groups travel to different places and have varying experiences, but each person can tell stories of how God worked in his or her life. Thank you to the missions and endowment committees for underwriting a portion of the cost for these amazing experiences.



Middle School Mission Trip - Nashville, TN

## We Are Joining Forces!

Our Missions Committee, WMU and Children’s Ministry are working together to provide school supplies to those in need. Your generous donations will support QC Family Tree, our Rama Road Tutoring program, and our Burmese families.

Fill those backpacks (120 are needed) with the supplies below - and bring additional supplies for our other groups. Supplies are due by **Sunday, August 13!** Backpacks should include:

- pack of pencils, crayons/colored pencils
- composition notebooks, notebook paper
- three ring binders, pack of highlighters, pack of pens
- hand sanitizer, children’s scissors, glue sticks

Drop off backpacks outside the Chapman Youth Room. Drop off additional supplies at the Children’s Ministry office or on the table in the hallway leading to the Crouch Fellowship Hall. Together we can make a difference!



## 2017 Q2 Business Meeting

Below is a synopsis of the second quarterly business meeting for 2017.  
A complete copy of the minutes is available in the church office.

• **Sunday School** Sunday School Director David Price reminded everyone that Sunday School will be held at 9:15am from May 21 - September 3.

• **WMU** Co-chair Anne Tunstall, reported on the WMU's visit to Dove's Nest in April. The May mission collection of detergent pods supported Dove's Nest. Also, Sharon Village honored Dorthea Compton for her 30 years of service with the Bible Study for Providence members who live there.

• **Minister of Students and Their Families Search** Member Chloe Ayscue reported that the search committee is asking for a special called business meeting for the purpose of recommending the next Minister of Students and Their Families. The committee members are very excited about the candidate.

• **Finance** Chair Jonathan Bensch reported financial numbers through April and announced that the Finance Committee will be completing a mid-year review in July. He will seek feedback from the standing committees. He will report on this review at the Q3 Business Meeting. (For a snapshot of Providence financials, see the graph on page 3.)

• **Endowment Committee** Chair Tim Dukes reported that all 13 endowments ended 2016 with a combined year-end balance of \$1,876,455. After distributing the 2017 grants, the current balance is \$1,930,867 which is about a \$54,000+ gain. He reported that the committee awarded \$82,948 in endowment grants. (A complete listing of grants can be found in the church office.) Tim ended his report with a request for everyone to help the endowment to continue to grow by providing legacy gifts and designated gifts. This will enable the endowment to keep giving back in perpetuity. As of 2017, there are 14 named endowments with the Elle-J Designated Fund becoming the Elle-J Scholarship Endowment Fund.

• **Stewardship** Member Bunnie Walker reported on their strategy spotlighting "Share in the Journey" member stories. Newsletter articles, worship videos, etc., are created in an effort to transform members' thinking to financially support Providence as everything we do is important and comes at a price.

• **Personnel** Chair Jamie Pittman voiced the committee's appreciation on the wonderful staff that we have at Providence and that we are blessed with our staff's talents. She updated attendees on a well-received staff appreciation program launched in April.

• **Building and Grounds** Chair Dennis Stallings reported that the current committee should be split into two distinct entities (Property Committee and Grounds Committee) to better serve the needs of the church. The Coordinating Council is reviewing the request, as it affects the Committee Manual. He also reported on a number of ongoing projects:

1) **Libby Gray Media Center:** Gina Ayscue is leading the project. The new space (upstairs rooms 2121 & 2123) is well underway with demolition, paint, shutters, LED lighting, and carpet in progress. The committee will also refresh the bathrooms across from the new media center (paint and carpet).

2) **Exterior/Lamp Post Project:** The decorative lamp posts (similar to those at the Children's Building entrance) are supplied by Duke Energy. This is a beautification and safety project to add lighting to our sidewalk areas surrounding the sanctuary building.

3) **Sweet Gum Tree Grove:** 25+ sweet gum trees near the back of the Activity Center have been removed (tripping hazards). Rocky Cannon-Facility Manager oversaw the removal.

4) **Chapman Youth Room:** The project is nearing completion. George Mulley-Student Ministry Associate and member of the B&G Committee has done an outstanding job of coordinating this project.

5) **Fencing:** Additional fencing for the Community Garden and grassy area has been approved.

6) **Monument Signs:** Zoning, permits, etc. have been completed; survey will occur soon, footings and masonry to follow. The project should be completed this year.

• **Senior Adult** Chair Wilna Eury reported on PrimeTimers and the seniors' day trip to Flat Rock Playhouse. On behalf of the Senior Adult and the Nominating Committees, Wilna then asked for, and received, approval of Pike Jones filling the unexpired term of Jesse Oxendine on the Senior Adult Committee.

The next quarterly business meeting (Q3) is scheduled for Wednesday, August 23 at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary.

## 2017 High School Graduates

Our high school seniors graduated in June. Help us congratulate this year's graduating class!  
Keep them in your prayers as they make plans to go to college in the fall.



**Samantha Rene Dukes**  
South Mecklenburg High School  
Furman University



**Rebekah Anne Efir**  
Ardrey Kell High School  
NC State University



**Andrew Spencer McNeal Faris**  
Charlotte Country Day  
Wake Forest University



**Jordan Marshall Hardin**  
East Mecklenburg High School  
Clemson University



**Grace Merriman Hostak**  
Covenant Day School  
University of South Carolina



**Reagan Brook McCraney**  
Providence High School  
Western Carolina University



**Alina Grace McCue**  
Covenant Day School  
Mercer University

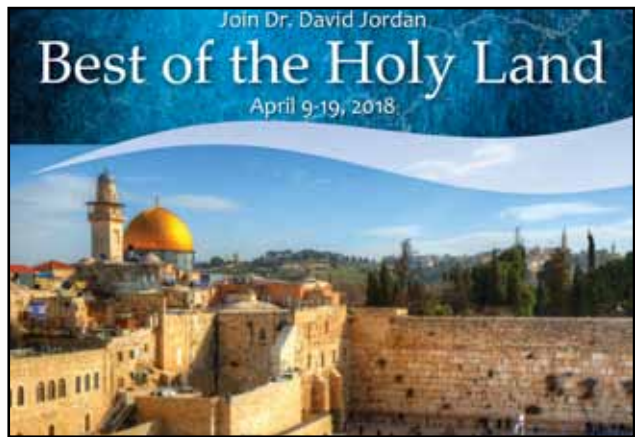


**Cing Lam Siam**  
East Mecklenburg High School  
Central Piedmont Community College



**Jarrett Samuel Wright**  
Ardrey Kell High School  
Washington and Lee University

## A Holy Land Pilgrimage



“... a ten-day journey that will change your life ...”

**April 9 - 19, 2018**

Join David Jordan for this once in a lifetime experience. Explore the land where Jesus lived, taught, died and rose again. Expand your knowledge of the Bible. Deepen your faith.

Experience amazing, timeless scenery.

Be baptized in the Jordan River.

Take communion in a boat on the Sea of Galilee.

On the Jesus Trail “pre-tour” ... walk the same 34-mile route that Jesus walked from Nazareth to the Sea of Galilee.

Learn about the history, geography and complicated politics of this sacred land, listen to valuable presentations on Judaism, Islam and Christianity, and discover the many reasons for the tensions between Israelis and Palestinians. Most of all, experience the Bible and the roots of our Christian faith as never before.

**Brochures for this important trip are available on request, or you can visit [www.providencebc.org/educational-travel](http://www.providencebc.org/educational-travel).**

## In Appreciation

Dear Providence Family,

Thank you for your cards, phone calls, words of comfort and prayers during Albert’s illness and recent passing. I would like to especially thank my Sunday School class Faithful Friends for their love and support during this difficult time. Also, I would like to thank Rev. Lee and David for their love and support.

Barbara Hall and sons, Michael and Jeffrey



We were surrounded in love on June 5 at Providence in celebration of the short-lived life of our granddaughter, Hayden Elizabeth Brown. Our grateful hearts go out to the many who attended Hayden’s celebration of life, the Bereavement Committee, and the ministers for the many calls and visits to Levine Children’s Hospital. On behalf of our family and Hayden’s wonderful parents, Tim and Staci Brown, we thank you for your love and support.

Larry and Sharon Williams



Thank you for all your love, support and prayers for our precious daughter, Hayden. We are forever grateful. Heaven truly gained an angel and she will forever be in our hearts. God bless. Numbers 6:24-26.

Staci and Tim Brown

## SHARE IN the Journey

*Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7*

Providence is a “missions-minded” church, and summertime is one of our busiest seasons with middle schoolers and high schoolers, young professionals, college students and adults participating in a variety of mission trips. Whether in our own back yard, or in another city or country, serving others is at the forefront of our financial and ministry planning. Our Missions Committee donates a significant portion of our resources to putting Providence people to work serving as the hands and feet of Jesus. Mission trips change lives for those we help and for those we send.



*The Mission Trip “Tradition” push up circle prior to departure.*

## SHARING the Journey



*Laura Perrone in action on one of her many mission trips.*

Laura Perrone is a junior at Providence High School and began her “mission” work when she was in middle school. This is Laura’s story:

*There is one week of summer that I look forward to every year, which consists of many bus rides and lots of water. And smelly clothes. And dirty shoes. And delicious food. And nightly debriefs. These are just a few of the things I look forward to on mission trips. One of the best things about these trips is that each one is unique in its own way.*

*Of all my experiences on mission trips to Atlanta, Philadelphia, Nashville, Jamaica, and Asheville, no two experiences were the same.*

*From cleaning bathrooms and playing basketball with children in Atlanta, to handing out lunch bags to the homeless in Philadelphia, the people and atmospheres are vastly different. From slabbing down concrete and brick in Jamaica, to renovating worn-down rooms in Asheville,*

*the physical labor we do is never the same. The experiences are never the same. The people are never the same. I had the blessed opportunity to meet some unquestionably motivational people through these trips. The immense amount of gratitude given by those we help is so rewarding! Exciting people, exciting stories, exciting places. Giving hearts and receiving hearts. This is what mission trips are all about at Providence!*



*Middle schoolers clean the streets of Philadelphia.*

## Cheerful Giving



*Adults install a church roof in Jamaica.*

**Your gifts make a difference and have a powerful impact on the people Providence serves.**

**You, too, can transform lives at home and away simply by giving. Visit [www.providencebc.org/give](http://www.providencebc.org/give) today.**



*Grace Robinson prepares to paint on the high school mission trip.*

Share IN the journey of being a cheerful giver by visiting [www.providencebc.org/give](http://www.providencebc.org/give) and supporting the ministries at Providence.

## PrimeTimers Over-Nighter!

Welcome Aboard!

PrimeTimers Fall Overnight Trip

November 2-3

Staunton, VA  
American Shakespeare Theatre

\$197 per person/double occupancy

\$265 per person/single occupancy

**\*IF PAID IN FULL BY JULY 8 the cost is \$167 or \$235\***



Take a luxurious motor coach to the mountains of Virginia, stopping for lunch and some shopping. Then check into the Stonewall Jackson Hotel prior to walking next door for an evening performance of "Peter and the Starcatchers" at the Blackfriar Playhouse. Following a leisurely breakfast, board the motor coach for your return trip with a stop at Shelton Vinyards for lunch. Arrive in Charlotte between 6:30pm and 7:00pm Friday night.

Sign up on the bulletin board in the Senior Adult Hallway or the hallway leading to the Crouch Fellowship Hall. (You can pick up registration forms there too!) Need more info? Call Wilna Eury at 704.553.2615.

## Bible Study Group Pot Luck

Thursday, July 13

11:30am

Harold Eddins Room  
of the Nalley Missions Center



Join your Thursday Morning Bible Study Group for a special social time of fellowship and food. Bring your favorite dish!

Call Donna Eason for more information at 704.847.0313.

## PrimeTimers BINGO

We had so much fun in June we are going to do it again in July!

Thursday, July 20

2:00pm

Harold Eddins Room  
of the Nalley Missions Center

We'll provide treats and prizes. You provide yourself and your luck!



## Welcome to the World



*Scarlett Ross*

Scarlett Elizabeth Ross was born on May 26. She is the daughter of Phil and Liz Ross and the sister of Emery and Ethan Ross.



*Austin Gaffney*

Austin David Gaffney was born on June 15. He is the son of David and Amber and the brother of Brian.

## New Member



*Mary Elizabeth Stroupe*

Mary Elizabeth Stroupe made her profession of faith on June 11. She is the daughter of Charles and Lauren Stroupe and the sister of Boone. She will be baptized in the coming days. Celebrate with Mary Elizabeth!

## In Sympathy

- The family of Tom Pfaff in his passing on May 29.
- Janie Creech in the loss of her cousin Rubert Peedin on May 29.
- Bob Zweier in the loss of his mother Nancy Nichols Zweier on May 31. Nancy was Billy and Ashley Zweier's grandmother.
- Tim and Staci Brown in the loss of their daughter Hayden Brown on May 31. Hayden was the granddaughter of Larry and Sharon Williams.
- Joyce Howie in the loss of her husband Max Howie on June 1.
- Margaret White in the loss of her husband Jay White on June 3.
- The family of Irene Rockett in her loss on June 5.
- Ted Sparks in the loss of his uncle David Lee Sparks on June 9.
- Vivian Carroll in the loss of her aunt Donna Threatt Harris on June 12.
- Frank Bishop in the loss of his brother on June 18.
- Justin Buck in the loss of his mother Betty Carol Leddon on June 19.
- The family of Betty Owens in her loss on June 19.



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*Tuesday, July 4*  
*As we celebrate Independence Day*



## Young Pros Pub Theology

*Monday, July 10 @ 6:45pm*  
*Leroy Fox*



## PrimeTimers Bingo

*Thursday, July 20 @ 2:00pm*  
*Harold Eddins Room, Nalley Missions Center*



## Mid-Summer Bash

*Wednesday, July 26 @ 5:30pm*  
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