



PROVIDENCE

BAPTIST CHURCH

Start Here

Vacation Bible School Is ...



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Dr. David Jordan

How to Get Along Today: Learning from Galatians

I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Galatians 2:19b-20

The Bible is our guide for a Christian response – especially in times of frustration, division, anger – and especially in times like these.

We have been learning from Galatians on Sunday mornings. As we heard from our scripture Galatians 2 on June 19th, the earliest Christians, even the Apostles, were struggling with how to follow Jesus.

Key questions arose that echo remarkably close to the tensions of our day. The same questions of how to view those we view as different motivated large and emotional conversations among the key leaders of the Early Church.

Paul and Peter argued over the deep divide between Jewish believers and Gentiles. Rich and poor, men and women, slaves and free, different language and ethnic groups ... It turns out, that early fellowship was a very messy time for followers of Jesus – just like it feels today.

From each of Paul's letters in the New Testament, we can sense angst, division and competing positions. Repeatedly, these early leaders debated the virtues and vices, blessings and dangers of widening the fellowship. To many, it was clear that anyone outside

earlier traditions of faith could never fit in and therefore should be excluded.

To others like Paul, though, something new was happening. God was beginning a new thing that opened all sorts of redeeming possibilities. For Paul, and ultimately through the broader wisdom of the Early Church, the potential of a new kind of fellowship outweighed the negatives. So came the grand declaration:

There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male or female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus (Galatians 3:28).

Learning about others, caring about others and discerning wider vision is not easy. Sharing life with those who are different creates stresses that need to be thought about, shared in, lived with and worked through.

Such is the model of those who came before us – a group of people like ourselves learning to live with one another under less than ideal circumstances, yet agreeing to support, love and have faith in one another in spite of the differences.

With Paul's own confession, he acknowledges the pitfalls and remembered well his own early inadequacy of accepting others for what God was doing in their lives. So he shares:

“I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”

This perspective for living can make all the difference in how we live, and how our community survives and thrives. Keeping this biblical reminder close is a fine beginning for how we get along today.

Our final part of this series from Galatians is this Sunday, July 3rd. Join us as we continue to consider these vital Christian principles of living together, and then continue to worship with us as we journey through the Gospel of Luke over the other four Sundays of July.

I look forward to seeing you and celebrating Luke's gospel together.

Gratefully,

From Your Pastor Search

This month's message is simple:

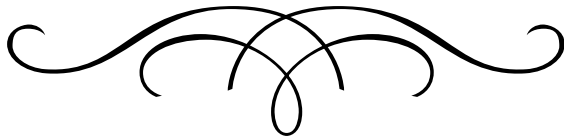
Keep praying for us. We are getting closer each day.

Bunnie Walker
Chair

*Now - more than ever - remember to join
with our Providence Family in prayer.*



*Pray for the Pastor Search
Committee
every day at 3:56!*



ON RECORD - June 26, 2016

Worship Total: 479
 Christian Stewardship
 Average Weekly Requirement *\$42,823
 *The average weekly requirement is the annual
 budget of \$2,226,774 divided by 52 weeks.

Revenue and Expenses	
Projected 2016	\$2,226,774

Revenue Through 6/26	\$938,713
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Expenses Through 6/26	\$920,016
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Net Through 6/26	\$18,697
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Thank you, Officer Morrison!

For the last five years, Officer John Morrison has been a fixture at Providence Baptist Church.

Every Sunday morning, despite the blustering winds of winter and the sweltering heat of summer, Officer Morrison protected our members and maintained order at our exits. Always smiling, Officer Morrison never failed to greet you with a twinkle in his eyes.



(l-r) Rocky Cannon, Officer Morrison and Donna Eason

The Charlotte Metro Police Department retired Officer Morrison's Auxillary Unit, which means he has retired from service as of Sunday, June 26th. We will miss you, Officer Morrison, and the many things you did each week to keep us safe!

This Month:

Deacon on Call:
704.366.4030x147

- June 29 - July 5: Susan Jones
- July 6 - 12: Harrison Marshall
- July 13 - 19: Jonathan Dry
- July 20 - 26: Tom O'Neal
- July 27 - August 2: Alvin Schmidt



Minister on Call:

- July 3: David Jordan (704.724.2766)
- July 10: Andy Smith (704.763.9475)
- July 17: Richard Landers (704.608.3371)
- July 24: Julia Wright (704.458.3710)
- July 31: Timothy Hill (704.641.4270)

Reflections from CBF Assembly

“It was such an honor to be a part of the worship planning committee, and to provide musical leadership during the worship services for the CBF’s 25th General Assembly. The singing was robust and full, and God’s presence could truly be felt among the thousands in attendance.



Rev. Timothy Hill

I am also so very thankful for Diann Clark and the musical leadership she provided at the piano. Friday night’s worship service was a particular highlight for me, as singers from all across the country joined together in song - providing the prelude music for the service. Our very own David Jordan and his mother were able to participate! Thanks be to God for these opportunities to learn from and alongside our brothers and sisters in Christ.”

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'TH'.

Images from the Assembly



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A Week of Celebration

Providence Baptist Church became the “Surf Shack” during the week of June 20th. Nearly 500 children, students and adults crowded the halls and classrooms, Rotunda green and Sanctuary for a memorable Vacation Bible School. Preschool and school aged children had a blast as they enjoyed the Craft Cove, the Snack Shack, Recreation Station and Bible Storytelling. God’s love was shared and His stories were told. Thanks be to God!



Our rising 6th graders took the lead in worship for VBS. Their dance moves and enthusiasm pumped up the crowd and started each day off right!



Student Laura Perrone helps one of our Surf Shack friends with her special creation in the Craft Cove.



Mrs. Jackie Wray and little Hannah Cochran were the most senior and most junior of all VBS participants.



The closing assembly with a Sanctuary full of children, volunteers and parents!



Duck Duck Goose: a favorite of the Rec rotation!

To see how much fun we had,
please watch our video!
<http://www.providencebc.org/vbs-2016/>

CONGRATULATIONS!



Trenton Jewell Alley
Furman University



Vance Franklin Eugene Ayscue
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University



Claudia Diane Carpenter
Furman University



Caroline Marguerite Caudle
Western Carolina University



John Wallace Hall
Ohio University



Julie Marie Hall
Appalachian State University



James Michael Lee Hopkins, Jr.
Appalachian State University



David Mangpi
Central Piedmont Community College



Anna Katherine Mansfield
Samford University



Plamedi Mimi Masingne
Central Piedmont Community College



Kayla Brynn Mulley
University of North Carolina at Wilmington



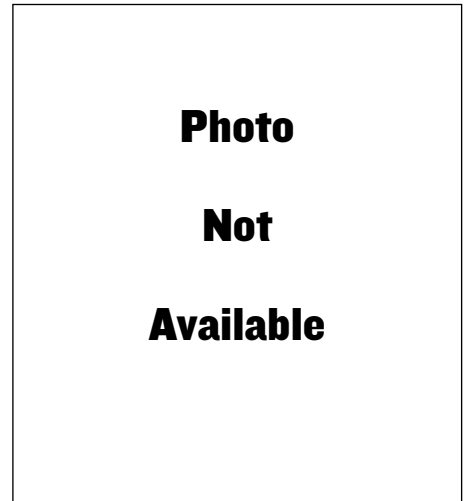
Robert Price Pittman
Clemson University



Philip Andrew Ricciardi
Furman University



Avery Thomas Riescher
University of Oregon



John Copeland Schweitzer
Clemson University



Jacob Andrew Sullivan
University of North Carolina at Wilmington



Mark Thomas Sullivan
University of Tennessee



Grant Louis Tatich
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Changed Lives

On June 12th, 24 Providence Baptist middle school students and six chaperones trekked off to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to spend a week serving others. From picking up trash on city blocks, to handing out lunches to homeless neighbors, to organizing goods at local shelters and aid agencies, to praying with those in need, our young mission workers made a difference in countless lives.

But those who were served were not the only ones who were changed. Our group experienced God in some



Working with "Ray of Hope" to clean up some Philadelphia streets!

of the most unexpected places. Some of our students were touched by the gratefulness of a nursing home resident who was offered a donut and coffee, along with a smile and some friendly conversation. Some were energized by what one person can do when he decides to pick up trash and make a difference in his corner of the world. Some were saddened to learn the average age of a homeless person in Philadelphia is nine years

old - younger than any student on the trip. Some were stunned by the sheer need. All were exposed to real physical poverty.



Our Philadelphia departure "Eddins' Style!"



Headed to Philly, bright and early!



Taking in a Phillies game!

Leaving Philly and heading back home, it wasn't hard to see the impact the trip made on many of our students. Nor was it difficult to understand the realization of just how blessed we are in Charlotte to have clean streets, plenty of food, green grass and clean water.

Mission trips not only change the lives of the people who are served, but also the lives of those who are serving. If you had a part in sending these students to Philadelphia, thank you. You, too, have made a difference in your world, and theirs.

Please Pray!

High School Mission Trip

Our high school students and chaperones will leave Sunday, July 17th for Asheville, NC. They will focus on several areas of ministry during their trip, giving students different ways to connect with the local community.

Your prayers are coveted as they travel and serve.

The group will return to Charlotte on Saturday, July 23rd.

Parents, Students and Chaperones:

Remember the mandatory final info meeting:

Wednesday, July 13th
6:00pm - 7:00pm
Student Gathering Room



Adult Sign Up Deadline!



**SIGN UP
BY FRIDAY, JULY 15th!**

This is an adults-only mission trip to Kingston, Jamaica.

We will be working with our partner Gardner's View Baptist Church.

July 31st - August 7th

July Mission Collection

School Supplies

for

Rama Road Tutoring

Burmese Congregation

Needed Items:

Crayons, Colored Pencils

Markers, Notebook Paper

Glue Sticks, Scissors, Pencils

Drop off at the Children's Ministry office or the Crouch Fellowship Hall hallway.

It's Not Too Late!!



Children's Summer Day Camps

Need some activities for your children during the summer? Remember our recreational opportunities in day camps!

- July 5 - 8: Flag Football Camp
- July 11 - 15: Camp Everything
- July 18 - 22: Music Day Camp
- July 25 - 29: Soccer Day Camp
- August 1 - 5: Cooking Camp

Our camps are for children in K - 5th grade completed and are from 9:00am - 1:00pm. We also offer an early morning drop off option.

Call Kristen Hendrix in our Children's Ministry Office for registration and fee information at 704.366.4030x125.

Soccer Sign-ups!

Children's Soccer League

For ages 3 - 10

Season runs
August - October

Sign up beginning July 25th

Contact Randy Ballard
for more information
at 704.366.4030x133.



What an Offering!

Providence is a sea of activity during Vacation Bible School. This year, June 20-24th brought the church to life with children and adults roaming our campus. It is a Providence tradition to collect an offering each day during Vacation Bible School. The children bring in their dollar bills and their pennies and dimes and quarters and fill up the treasure chest. This year, the Vacation Bible School offering was earmarked for "Give Hope Global." Give Hope is a Christian charity that endeavors to give hope and bring lifelong change to those who are suffering.

Give Hope connected with our Vacation Bible School surf theme because they are building aquaponic chambers in Haiti. Want to know what an

"Aquaponics Chamber" is? Aquaponics combines conventional aquaculture (raising fish) with hydroponics (the soil-less growing of plants). The fish waste provides an organic food source for the growing plants, and the plants provide a natural filter for the water the fish live in. Perfect!

Throughout the week, the children brought in a hefty \$1,733.45 for their offering. In addition, a very generous anonymous donor announced matching funds for the Vacation Bible School offering, bringing the total to a staggering \$3,466.90!

Wow! What an offering!



Summer Schedule Begins!

Sunday, July 3rd -
Sunday, September 4th

9:15am Sunday School
10:30am Combined Worship

July Combined Sunday Worship

Sunday, July 3rd

Lord's Supper
Dr. David Jordan
"On Not Giving Up"
Galatians 6:1-10

Sunday, July 17th

Dr. David Jordan
"Eternal Life: What Must I Do?" Part 2
Luke 10:25-37

Sunday, July 24th

Dr. David Jordan
"Eternal Life: Listening and Liberation"
Luke 10:38-42

Sunday, July 10th

Dr. David Jordan
"Eternal Life: What Must I Do?" Part 1
Luke 10:25-37

Sunday, July 31st

Dr. David Jordan
"Be on Your Guard"
Luke 12:13-21

Endeavoring for “Enough” this Summer Season

Last year, as the Stewardship Committee prepared us for 2016, they used a great book by Adam Hamilton, Enough, Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity. It is a quick read (one that you will find yourself turning to over and over again), and it defines a wonderful process that can help us find contentment.

As Hamilton states, “this book could change your life by changing your relationship with money.”

For me, the book focuses on what we do and not what we don't do – it is all about being defined by generosity. I have a few copies at the church office if you are interested in reading it. Hamilton backs his book up with many scriptures; one in particular has become a favorite of mine:

*Some give freely, yet grow all the richer;
Others withhold what is due,
and only suffer want.
A generous person will be enriched,
And one who gives water will get water.
Proverbs 11: 24-25*

The summer season is well underway. Traditionally, it is a time of travel, family fun and friends. We all look forward to the slower pace and gratefully attempt to leave the hustle and bustle of everyday life behind, at least for a little while. With this change of pace and perhaps location, we do not get to see one another as much ... making us appreciate even more our priority to “Start Here” for worship during the summer.

But just remember, while you might be traveling and your pace might be a bit slower, the Providence expenses neither slow nor take a vacation. Please take time to send in your financial support.

The Finance Committee has made it easy for you to continue your support even when you are not able to be present.

- **Pushpay** on mobile devices: Text “ProvidenceBC” to 77977 and follow the prompts.
- **Easydraft**: You can set up contributions through your personal online banking option. Simply add Providence as one of your recurring payees and use your envelope number as your account number.
- **Check**: Mail in your check to the Finance Office at 4921 Randolph Road, Charlotte 28211
- **Cash**: Always works!
- **Stock/Foundation Gifts**: Talk to us about setting up a stock or foundation gift to Providence.

Enjoy the season and while doing so remember the wonderful prayer that Hamilton provides:

*Lord,
help me to be grateful for what I have,
to remember that I don't need
most of what I want,
and that joy is found in simplicity
and generosity.*

Gratefully,



Richard Landers
Church Administrator

Take Me Out to the Ballgame



Wednesday,

July 13th

5:30pm

**Gazebo
Area**

Come enjoy some summertime fun! Hang out with Providence friends and family!

Bring your blankets and chairs, and enjoy a meal catered by The Community Culinary School's Encore Catering. Hamburgers and hotdogs are on the menu! Donations will be gladly accepted.

Root for the Providence men as they face off against each other during league softball games. Cheer on their spirited competition and enjoy a family night out!

Fall Plans Are in the Works!

We are excited to announce a great line up of adult learning and fellowship opportunities coming this September. These studies begin Wednesday, September 7th, so keep a close eye out for more details in the August newsletter.

Here's a sneak peek at what's ahead this fall:

- "Inner Strength: Self Defense for the Cool and Increasingly Aware" led by Jim Tucker
- "The Gospel According to Star Wars" led by Randy Ballard
- "The Dangerous Act of Worship, Living God's Call of Justice" led by Timothy Hill
- "Twelve Steps to Being a Better Christian" led by Richard Landers and Al Cadenhead
- "Broadway and The Bible" led by David Jordan
- "Parenting with Love and Logic" led by Julia Wright
- "Providence Run Club" led by Andy Smith

The Providence Exchange

You don't know what it is YET,
but you will WANT to be a part of it!

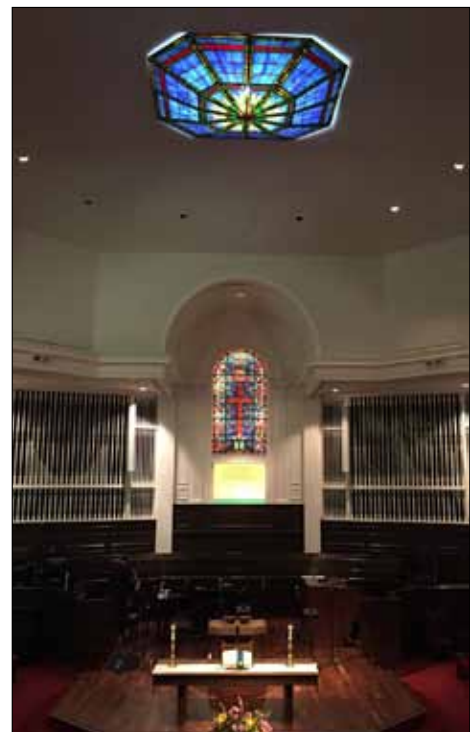
More information
coming in August...

The Sanctuary Medallion

The next time you are in the Sanctuary, look up and see something breath-taking! Our beautiful new medallion has been installed!

Patterned after the stained glass in the Baptistry, the medallion complements our space perfectly. Each color was painstakingly selected with rich jewel tones, creamy ambers, carmel browns a touch of lavender, gorgeous opaque blues and red multi-faceted jewels.

The 12-foot glass dome is suspended with a 10,000 pound cabling and wench system. Remember, the medallion was given by a very gracious anonymous donor. Providence IS so blessed!



Dedications of Life



William Henderson Duke was dedicated on Sunday, June 26th. William, who was born on November 2nd, 2015, is the son of Jared and Emily Duke and the brother of Grace.

Jared and Emily chose this verse for William:

“For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him.” 1 Samuel 1:27

Ethan James Ross was dedicated on Sunday, June 26th. Ethan, who was born on June 25th, 2015, is the son of Phil and Liz Ross and the brother of Emery.

Phil and Liz chose these verses for Ethan:

“With all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” Ephesians 4:2-3

In Appreciation

Dear Friends,

On May 22nd and 23rd, the Iley family lost two beloved members: my grandson, Joshua McLean of Cary, and my sister-in-law, Alma Iley Morris of Concord. The Providence Baptist congregation has been magnificent in standing by me, even though I am the lone Iley who still worships here. This church has been significant in the lives of our family over the years. In 1954, my dear husband Bryce (now deceased) and I joined Providence, and we raised our four daughters in the church. They made their professions of faith and were baptized in this place.

I was the first Minister of Music, serving from 1955 to 1957. Also, I worked with children’s choirs for 24 years and taught adult Sunday School for 30 years. I am aware that many of you have experienced deep sorrow, as we have. How comforting it is to remember, especially in times of sadness, the biblical promises and the strongly-held tenets of our faith ... “the assurance of pardon” and “the security of the believer” among them! May God bless you, dear Friends! And be assured that every kind expression of sympathy and every prayer offered on our behalf is precious to the Iley family.

Grace and peace, Martha Iley

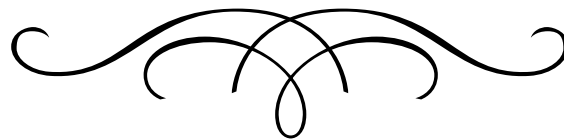
New Members



Grace and Amy Stokes joined by profession of faith on June 5th. They were both baptised on June 26th.



Matt and Lexi Scoggin joined Providence on June 5th by transfer of membership from Memorial Baptist Church in Greenville, NC. Selik is their son.



In Sympathy

John Zachodzki and family in the loss of his mother Grace William Zachodzki on May 30th.
 Stowe Query and family in the loss of his grandmother Elizabeth Fowler Davis on June 10th.
 Jon Jordan and family in the loss of his father Robert Ray Jordan on June 10th.
 Greg Simmons and family in the loss of his mother Grace Simmons on June 13th.
 Bill Brown and family in the loss of his mother Margie Lanier Brown on June 19th.
 Tresor Sala in the loss of his grandmother Mado Madeleine on June 21st.



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Holiday Closing

*Monday, July 4th
Providence Campus Closed*



Young Pros Knights Game

*Sunday, July 10th, 2:00pm
BB&T Ballpark*



Take Me Out to the Ballgame

*Wednesday, July 13th at 5:30pm
Aubrey Arant Fields*



High School Mission Trip

*July 17th - July 23rd
To Asheville, NC*

Next Connections is August 1, 2016.

Deadline for submitting articles,
photos, announcements, etc, is
Noon, Friday, July 15th.
Articles should be 350 words or less.
Email your submissions to:
ssneed@providencebc.org.
Thank you!



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